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In With The New... Campbell Takes Reins As Town's Top Cop

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a brief ceremony at Town Hall, Robert Campbell was sworn in as Agawam's new Chief of Police on Monday, May 23rd.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux administered the oath of office to the new chief as Campbell's family, police colleagues and town officials looked on.

With son Jeffrey, 18, and daughter Christine, 13, Marianne Campbell watched as her husband became the town's top law enforcement officer. The chief's parents, Donald and Jeannette Campbell, also attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Campbell said the couple's oldest son, 20 year-old David, was taking final exams at Hartwick College and was not able to attend.

Town Council President James Taylor and Vice-President George Bitzas joined representatives of the Agawam Police Department and State Police Officers Mike Joslyn and Thomas Daly at the ceremony honoring the new chief.

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NEW AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL with his family at swearing-in ceremonies on Monday. From left - Jeannette & Donald Campbell (parents); Jeffrey Campbell (son), Chief Campbell, Marianne Campbell (chief's wife), and Christine Campbell (daughter). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Out With The Old...

550 Honor Chmielewski At Testimonial



OVER 550 people attended a testimonial dinner for retired Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski at Chez Josef last week. IN PHOTO LEFT, some of the many honorariums given to Chmielewski included a proclamation from Agawam Town Council President James Taylor; a plaque from the Agawam Police Auxiliary, represented by Jerry Scoville; and a plaque from Town Accountant Carol Taylor, representing the department heads at Town Hall. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Chmielewski received plaques from Riverside Park Maintenance Director T.C. Freeman (left) and Racing Director Ben Dodge. MORE PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

SWEARING-IN - from Page 1...

"I'm very thrilled and proud of Bob and so are the kids," Mrs. Campbell said. "He has the full support of his entire family."

Proud of her son's accomplishments, Jeanette Campbell said, "I'm happy for him. If he's happy, that's the only important thing."

Noting that his son was following a family tradition by going into police work, Donald Campbell, the Chief's father, told us, "We were always concerned about his safety, but we supported him all the way."

After the swearing-in, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson stepped forward to pin the gold Chief's Badge on the pocket of Campbell's new uniform for the first time.

Johnson said, "Bob has my full confidence as chief. He's going to make a fine department even better."

Symbol Of Peace

Removing a pin (shaped like a dove) from his own lapel, Agawam Police Chaplain Leonard Cowan said he had been wearing it for a long time before placing the pin on the chief's jacket. Cowan said it was fitting that the chief of police, who is called on as a peace officer to protect the peace, should wear the symbol of peace.

Rev. Cowan prayed that God would imbue the chief with "the wisdom, sensitivity, and leadership he will need in his new job." Rev. Cowan offered prayers for the chief's family and for all the police officers who are called on to protect the community.

Campbell said it was a momentous day for him and for the department. "With the help of the people I work with, we're going to put things on track and set our sights on the future."

Campbell said the department is fortunate to have the wisdom of its senior staff in combination with a talented group of young officers.

Campbell spent the rest of his first morning on the job accepting congratulations from town residents and area law enforcement officials at an open house at the police station.



NEW AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL receives the oath of office from Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux. Looking on is Campbell's wife, Marianne. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Search For New Police Chief Brought Screening Committee To Its Own Backyard

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When he went looking for a new police chief, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson had a pretty good idea of the kind of person he wanted to take over as the town's top law enforcement officer.

Honesty, fairness, and integrity were the defining characteristics Johnson identified as essential qualifications for the position of chief of police for the Agawam Police Department. Also, Johnson wanted an administrator with a vision of where to take the APD in the future.

Johnson said he wanted a professional manager who combined job experience with a strong educational background.

35 Applications Were Received

After a lengthy process of reviewing 35 applications from area law enforcement professionals, including five from Agawam, Johnson gave the final nod to APD Captain Robert D. Campbell. Although the naming of Campbell came as no real surprise to many people in the community, Johnson said Campbell received the unanimous approval of the entire screening committee.

"Bob is a professional," Johnson said. "He's considered by many police departments to be an expert they rely on in investigatory work."

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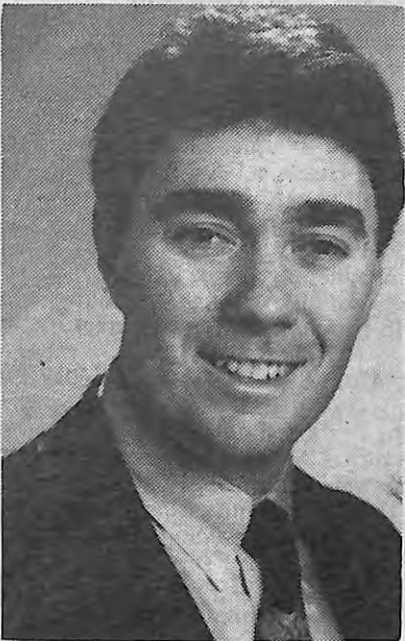
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Letters To The Editor

Former Chief Chmielewski Grateful For Big Party

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the many friends and supporters that joined me at my retirement party.

I was unable to spend time with everyone because of the number attending the event, but I do want everyone to know how much I appreciate the friendship and support you have given to me over my career.

The people of Agawam are the **very best!**

Chief Stan Chmielewski
(Retired)

Letter Carriers Food Drive Great Success In Agawam

To The Editor:

We want to thank the many people who made the May 14th Letter Carriers Food Drive so successful. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry received enough food to fill a large trailer. This food will supply the Pantry through the summer months and we are very grateful.

We especially want to thank the Agawam and Feeding Hills letter carriers for their hard work and dedication. They did a super job. We also want to thank the many, many households who donated food. The collection was very generous.

Sincerely,

Diane Crowell, Exec. Director

West Spfld./Agawam Open Pantry

Dave Kenney, Coordinator

Western Mass. Letter Carriers Food Drive

Junior Women's Club Thanks Helpers During Cleanup

To The Editor:

On May 7th, 1994, the Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Planning Board sponsored a Townwide Cleanup. We had 14 participants, seven club members and four children.

We would like to thank everyone who came out on this warm and sunny day.

We especially would like to thank the schools who cleaned their own areas this year. Our job was much easier because of this. Also, businesses seem to be taking a better interest and more pride in the grounds surrounding their establishments. We noticed **trash receptacles** are now available where none were before.

On behalf of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Planning Board, we would like to thank everyone who took part in making Agawam the beautiful town it truly is.

Agawam Junior Women's Club

Street Of Flags Fundraiser Getting Response For Vets

To The Editor:

The Agawam Veterans' Council is deeply gratified by the tremendous positive response to our "Street of Flags" fundraiser.

Checks received by the Veterans' Service Office totaled \$705 and has been used to purchase American Flags and WW II 50th Anniversary Flags to line the parade route from Rt. 57 to the Veterans' Green.

The Agawam Veterans' Council would like to express their appreciation to those who donated so generously:

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Town of Agawam Veterans' Council

Community Cordially Invited To Attend D-Day Ceremony

To The Editor:

The Community of Agawam is invited to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day at St. John's Church on Monday, June 6th at the 8:30 a.m. liturgy.

The Mass will be offered for all veterans who took part in the most extensive invasion in U.S. history. The Order of the Day from General Dwight D. Eisenhower to the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force on August 5th, 1944 reads in part:

"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world ... I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. WE WILL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN FULL VICTORY! Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

Father Greenway, interim pastor of St. John's and a WW II veteran, felt this would be a fitting tribute to the 2,500 allied soldiers who lost their lives during the invasion and the 10,000 wounded in action. A total of nearly one million men participated in the D-Day invasion at Normandy Beach.

Father Greenway, along with members of the WW II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee, Agawam Veterans' Council, VFW Post 1632, and American Legion Post 185 Honor Guard will post the colors and following the service will include a minute of silent prayer followed by TAPS.

During a meeting with Father Greenway, he mentioned that he would like to have all veterans in attendance wear their military ribbons during the service, and any family who may have lost a loved one at Normandy wear or have the ribbons with them.

Agawam has been designated as an Official Commemorative Community for the 50th Anniversary of WW II by the Department of Defense and our observance of D-Day through the celebration of Holy Mass is planned to honor those who served.

All Agawam veterans and residents are cordially invited to attend the service and give honor to those who served. Remember, Monday, June 6th at 8:30 a.m., St. John's Church, Main Street, Agawam.

An informational reminder will be listed on the Cablevision Access Channel. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

Ruth A. Bitzas, Chairwoman
WW II 50th Anniversary Committee

Cars Racing About In Center Create Dangerous Situation

To The Editor:

The roads in our town aren't exactly known as "the mean streets of Feeding Hills," but in the event someone should be struck down by a fast moving car, the title would be well deserved. I understand about a generation ago, a child was struck and killed crossing South Westfield Street in front of Granger School.

My family's residence faces South Westfield Street, one of the indisputable 'no pedestrian zones' of our suburban city. Just about diagonally across this road, this intense commuter highway, lies Granger School. It cannot be understated how the two women crosswalk attendants do a fabulous job and it is largely to their credit no kids have been struck on this mean street in my memory.

But it is scheduled to get worse, when the road is expanded this summer. Certainly the commuters show no signs of slowing down, even during the hours when school lets out and little people are everywhere on the sidewalks.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Tuesday, May 31st
Annual Banquet of the
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At Captain Leonard House, Agawam
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Wednesday, June 1st
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At AHS (Room 42), Cooper Street
7:00 p.m.
For more info, call 786-0138 or 786-6087

Friday, June 3rd
Nocturnal Adoration Society
of Agawam & West Springfield
At Dominican Nuns Chapel,
Riverdale Road, West Springfield
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4th
Festival of Crafts by
Catholic Women's Club of Agawam
In Parish Center of St. John the
Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more info, call 789-0244

Saturday, June 4th
Arts & Crafts Fair sponsored by
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Perhaps it is time to consider a nominal expenditure painting selected crosswalks in Agawam - GREEN with white stripes, and then also post signs warning, "State Pedestrian Crosswalk." LAW ENFORCED - \$25 Fine!

Enforcing the crosswalk law would finance costs of signs, crosswalk painting and perhaps even a flashing 20 mph sign south of the center on South Westfield St., warning when school dismisses. Personally, I respect the valiant vigilante in Greenfield who painted crosswalks, even if the state lawyers did not condone it.

You know, pedestrians have a life, too! The situation in town is out of control. And if one takes a look at the communities which enforce pedestrian crosswalks, they have a vital small retail business base!

A few places I would suggest enforcing, in addition to Feeding Hills center, would be Agawam center, especially around Walnut Street Extension, old Agawam center, and the North St./North Westfield St. intersection in Feeding Hills.

One writer to the editor recently brought up this same issue. We should work together to eliminate traffic/pedestrian hazards and so enjoy the benefit of a more liveable Agawam.

Sincerely,
Damian Gormley
Feeding Hills

Support Given For Town's AIDS Curriculum

To The Editor:

I strongly empathize with the group of people who support the abstinence based curriculum. They are parents; hear them roar!

I, too, am a parent and I will not disillusion myself into thinking my 14 year-old son will not find himself in need of protection at some point in his life, whether in his teen years or later on in adulthood.

By the year 2000, there will be approximately 80,000 U.S. children left motherless, due to AIDS! That's six years from now! The facts speak for themselves, and abstinence is not the primary choice of teens today! Not because they are not taught morals or values, not because they haven't been taught about AIDS and other social diseases, not because they don't respect themselves and others, but ... instead, because they are living, breathing, walking, hormonal beings!!!

They have weaknesses just like each and every one of us, and God forbid, should they **make one mistake** - it could cost them dearly. Our kids are tomorrow's adults and they should be treated with respect, showered with encouragement, and inundated with knowledge and more knowledge concerning AIDS.

We, as adults, have vices which we allow to control our bodies and minds. Cigarettes cause cancer, you DIE. Alcohol causes cirrosis of the liver, you DIE. Intravenous as well as drugs taken orally, you DIE. Have unprotected sex, you DIE!!!

How can we make a valid plea for abstinence when we don't practice what we preach? Sex is happening and if you fool yourself into thinking, "Not my child," then you probably went to the old school of "Do as I say, not as I do!" Hello, let's take a reality check before it's too late! Wouldn't it be wonderfully divine if all of our children were virgins on their wedding nights?

Say NO to sex, my children, but if you can't, then use your brains and your hearts in a cautious, careful manner or prepare for what might lie ahead - literally.

In closing, I congratulate and support the people behind the AIDS Program in our schools. They are brave, they are informed, and they are very concerned about kids who aren't even their own. How unselfish of them, indeed!!

Sincerely,
Debra Curtis
Agawam

College Grad Disturbed About Anti-AIDS Curriculum

To The Editor:

My response has been provoked by some disturbing articles I have read regarding the AIDS curriculum. I am a 21 year-old recent graduate of Syracuse University, so obviously I have no children of my own in the Agawam School System.

However, I do not believe that my age or my lack of parenting makes me any less qualified to speak on this issue. I actually believe the contrary and I am very well versed on this topic. I don't claim to be worldly, but it would not be improper for me to say that I do know the ways of the world. Also, I am not speaking on behalf of any organization, I am speaking for myself. Yet, I do hope my message reaches everyone.

While I was in college, I was an educator of sex-

uality issues, one of those being HIV and AIDS. I ran workshops and facilitated discussions with students who constantly amazed me. Too large of a percentage of them were uneducated and/or ill-informed (in regards to the AIDS issue). Upon my return home, I have found nothing but the same.

First, let me tell you why a condom demonstration is needed, valuable, and necessary. The theoretical failure rate of a condom is two percent. However, the actual failure rate is 12 percent. This should tell you that for whatever reason, condoms are being used incorrectly.

Now, I don't think it should matter who gives the demonstration or how the demonstration is done, as long as it is done correctly. Parents should be grateful for this service, not hindering it. Because wouldn't you prefer to have your child properly protected rather than have them die over a technicality?

Concerning the topic of co-ed classes, high school students are almost legal adults, start treating them as such.

In regards to the permission slips, if you need that to feel 'in control' of the situation, then so be it. However, believe me when I say, your children don't need your permission to have sex. If you think your children are so capable of making the right decision, then put the issue in their hands where it belongs. Why should you be holding their fate in your hands? (Let me just also say that there is a world of difference between getting permission for a spelling bee and that for a potentially life saving course.)

Finally, the issue of abstinence. Though this might be the world's ideal, it should be blatantly obvious to each and every one of you that this ideal is not a reality. Children of all ages are having sex, unprotected at that. These same sexually active individuals know of the option to be abstinent. If this was their choice, we wouldn't have the magnitude of the problem we are faced with today.

I think everyone deserves the respect to be given all options available to them and let them use their own better judgement to make the decision that is right for them. However, whatever that decision might be, I don't think they deserve to die for it. The rest of the world is slowly waking up - I suggest Agawam joins them.

It is no longer just the children who need to be educated, it is everyone. People of all ages need to be properly informed of the facts because it is obvious to me that everyone is not aware of them.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

How many of you really know the facts, treatments, preventions, etc...? How many of you talk to your children about dental dams, nonoxynal 9 and SK 70? How many of you know what those things are?

Real education is the only prevention, there are no cures. Let me tell you also, AIDS does not discriminate and anyone who thinks otherwise is willfully ignorant to the truth. This virus does not dismiss someone for their race, their economic status, their occupation or their age. HIV and AIDS is everywhere and that includes the town of Agawam. I can almost guarantee that you have crossed paths with someone who is HIV positive, whether you knew it or not.

HIV and AIDS have been around for over a decade now and new cases increase by the minute. If you people want to declare a war, one has already been declared for you. It is us against the virus and let me tell you, we are losing. To ever put an end to this, we all must vote for the right decisions and I vote for an end that will bring us more life than death.

These issues of condom demonstrations and co-ed classes should never have turned into a crisis, AIDS has already given you that. These are necessities and ones that could save lives. All the issues surrounding AIDS are not exclusively parents' issues or children's issues, they are human issues and I think they should be treated as such.

If you all only want the best for your children, I suggest a real chance at life. Tell them everything they need to know, which includes proper precautions when they decide for themselves to become sexually active. You can't be with them at all times telling them what to do, so provide them with the best resources an education can offer.

I am not trying to tell you how to raise your children, but I do feel it is my obligation to tell you what is in your best interest. While there are already over 180,000 AIDS cases in the United States alone and an estimated one million worldwide, I suggest you begin to recognize that naive and idealized attitudes are not going to prove beneficial for the AIDS crisis.

I cannot change the world alone, but I will continue to voice my opinions and beliefs as long as I have the means to do so. Just ask me to.

Sincerely,
Meggan L. Martin
Agawam

Town Of Agawam Memorial Day Observance

SUNDAY, MAY 29th

10:30 a.m.: AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - will host services for Veterans' Sunday. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 30th

CEREMONIES

8:00 a.m.: WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL - located directly in front of American Legion, Post 185.

8:30 a.m.: SPRINGFIELD STREET CEMETERY - across from Sacred Heart Church.

9:00 a.m.: AGAWAM CENTER CEMETERY - Across from St. John's Church.

PARADE

10:00 a.m.: PARADE - Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company. Parade will begin at 10:30 for a one-mile march down Main Street to Veterans Green.

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Bobby's Lounge, Theodore DeCosmo, Manager, has applied for Transfer of Stock, New Officers/Directors/Stockholders and Transfer of Manager. Building consisting of: Dining Room, dimensions 1800 sq. ft., one floor, bar, dining area and kitchen. Two entrances, exits, two in front and the others in rear, clearly marked. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 1994, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission
Richard A. Dilullo, Chairman
John J. Chriscola, Jr.
Robert Vanderhoof

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Fond Farewell For Former Police Chief



CHEZ JOSEF was the scene for the May 17th retirement dinner for former Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski. IN TOP PHOTO, Chmielewski is pictured with family members and some of the people responsible for organizing the party. From left - Chief Chmielewski, Linda Chmielewski (wife); Frederick Nardi, Richard Theroux, and Daniel Lacienski, committee members; and the Chief's daughter, Dori and son, Stanley, Jr. IN PHOTO LEFT, Chmielewski receives awards from State Rep. Michael P. Walsh and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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SEARCH FOR CHIEF - from Page 2...

Campbell also tutors officers getting ready to take exams for promotion. Johnson said he was told a record number of people passed the sergeant's examination (Civil Service) in West Springfield after Campbell had tutored them.

Johnson said Campbell's extensive and continuing education over the 20 years he has been in law enforcement, along with high marks for his responses to hypothetical questions, were important considerations in appointing him as chief.

Johnson said he does not believe residency should be a consideration in hiring municipal personnel. Johnson said as in all business decisions, he tries to get the best deal for the taxpayers. This includes getting the most qualified candidates to fill positions, no matter where they live.

"Bob would be the best person for the job whether he lived in Agawam, West Springfield, or wherever," Johnson said.

As is his practice whenever filling a department head position, Johnson consulted with Personnel Director Susan Rush to review and revise the job description. In this way, Johnson said, a detailed application for the position was created (rather than relying on a standard application).

An application package for the chief's job was prepared and sent to area police departments in Western Mass. and Connecticut, and the position was also advertised in the media.

Criteria was established to evaluate the applications and points were awarded in several categories, Johnson explained.

An up-to-date resume and a personal statement describing the applicant's major academic and employment accomplishments were required.

Interview Committee Set-Up

Johnson said the applications received were narrowed to six semi-finalists. The interview committee included Johnson, Mrs. Rush, Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke, and Associate Solicitor Charles Scifani.

In interviews lasting up to two hours, applicants were questioned on their educational background and employment history and were asked a series of hypothetical questions. Johnson said each candidate was asked to make a closing statement and were encouraged to ask any questions they might have about the position or the community.

In the interest of fairness, according to the Mayor, all candidates were asked the same questions. The questions were prepared by the screening committee, he said.

As a result of the preliminary interviews, two finalists were chosen from the field of six after the screening committee voted on their choices.

Johnson said the final interview focused on issues of policy and philosophy to give the screening committee the opportunity to learn more about the values and beliefs of the two candidates.

For example, one question posed to the two finalists was what was the least important thing they would consider when looking at candidates for promotion within the department.

More Hypothetical Situations

The second half of the final interview posed more hypothetical questions that present situations that have actually occurred either locally or nationally to see how the candidates respond.

Johnson said the questions were not used to test one's knowledge of the law but rather to see how a person thinks on their feet (and the steps they would take to solve a difficult situation).

The final phase of the interview had the two finalists explain why they should be chosen for the post and then each finalist gave a closing statement to the screening committee.

"Sometimes you can learn more about a person by the questions they ask than by the answers they give," Johnson said.



IN TOP PHOTO, members of the Detective Bureau of the Agawam Police Department present a plaque to new Chief Robert D. Campbell for his years of dedicated service and leadership in the bureau. Detective members pictured are Skip Malone (left), Wayne Macey, and Daniel Ciak. IN PHOTO LEFT, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson pins the chief's badge on Campbell. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Confusion Reins Over Irrigation For Golf Course

Charter Objection Can't Stop Meeting At Presstime

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Prospects for an irrigation system for the municipally-owned Agawam Country Club next year may have dried up at the special meeting of Town Council May 17th to consider applying for state grants to partially fund the project.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's plan to seek up to \$150,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and up to 66 percent reimbursement from the Urban Self-Help program was grounded before coming to a vote when Councilor Walter Balboni raised a charter objection, thus bringing the meeting to an abrupt end.

Under the rules of the town's charter, an item appearing on the agenda for the first time can be automatically tabled and moved to the next meeting of the council when a councilor chooses to delay a vote by raising a charter objection. If two or more councilors join in the charter objection, the item can not be considered until the next regularly scheduled meeting (in this case, June 6th).

Caba And Suffriti Join Charter Objection

When councilors Edward Caba and Gary Suffriti joined in Balboni's charter objection, the issue of state and federal aid for the golf course irrigation system was thought to be dead in the water because the deadline for applying for the grant falls on June 1st, five days before the council can again consider the matter.

However, *The AAN* has learned that Mayor Christopher C. Johnson hopes to salvage the town's prospects for receiving the grant by calling a special meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, May 26th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to place the issue of applying for the grant before the council for a vote.

Council President James Taylor said his review of the videotape of the meeting confirmed his declaration that only two councilors joined in the charter objection. Disputing the claim that Suffriti joined in the objection, Taylor said as the chairman he recognized Balboni's charter objection and with Caba seconding the objection, there are only two councilors on record, thus allowing a special meeting to be convened.

Should there be a move to challenge the chair's declaration, a majority of the councilors present will be needed to overturn the chair's ruling and end the town's quest for obtaining state aid to assist in funding the irrigation system.

Both Balboni and Caba were taken by surprise by the notification of the special meeting which was hand-delivered to all of the councilors' homes by the mayor's office early Tuesday afternoon, just over the required 48 hours notice.

Balboni said he considered the meeting to be illegal, adding, "I can only abide by the charter."

Both councilors said the conference room in the Town Clerk's office where the meeting has been scheduled is too small to accommodate the 11-member council, the public, and the press.

Balboni called the room a closet, and Caba said it has always been a council policy to hold meetings on politically divisive issues in a room that would accommodate a number of people.

Taylor said it was his understanding that the Middle School auditorium where council meetings are normally held and can be televised was not available to the council on Thursday evening.

According to Superintendent of Public Works Jack Stone, the irrigation system could cost about \$600,000, although a firm figure was not yet available. Stone said he was in the process of gathering the information needed to submit a budget for the project.

Stone said this was the first time in four years that the state has offered the grants designed to help communities preserve open space and upgrade recreation areas. Stone said it was uncertain whether or not the grant program would be offered again in the future.

Stone said the irrigation system is necessary

because water for irrigation is only available on the greens and at some of the tee-boxes. During dry weather, the fairways turn brick-hard and adequate growth cannot be maintained, he said. Also, erosion is a problem on the cart paths, according to him.

Golf course manager Ron Dunn said the installation of an irrigation system would enhance the revenues generated at the course. Dunn said the course is busy when the weather cooperates due to the low green fees, but he predicted that during dry spells, golfers will find other courses to play on.

Dunn said not only would an irrigation system keep golfers from deserting the course, it would enable the country club to charge higher fees, thus raising revenues. "It's a logical decision," Dunn added.

Before Balboni moved to "kill" the issue as he later described his action, several councilors present raised several issues they said made them unable to support the Mayor's proposal.

Only Councilors George Bitzas and David Skolnick spoke in favor of applying for the grant, although council President James Taylor drew criticism from Councilor Thomas Ennis for reminding the council that they were not voting to appropriate any money, just to apply for a grant.

"Strings" Attached

Councilor Robert Danie said he opposed applying for the grant because of the "strings" attached. Danie said accepting the grant would "tie our hands in the future" because the town would be required to preserve the land as open space forever and would be barred from selling the property or using it for purposes other than recreation.

Bitzas said the council was not being asked for money, only for the option of applying for a grant that the council could later reject (if they were not happy with the state's proposal). "If we reject it tonight, we have no options," Bitzas said.

Skolnick urged approval of the application, noting that sooner or later an irrigation system would have to be installed. "This is only an application with no strings attached," Skolnick said.

Balboni said he opposed the grant because the town would still have to come up with \$350,000 to complete the project and the town has other priorities, such as a new fire station, a new DPW garage, and school additions.

Balboni said the golf course should show a profit before the town starts "throwing money into it."

Dunn said he was not prepared to give the council financial figures on the operation of the course to date because the figures would be meaningless. Dunn said on a good week the course brought in \$15,000, but did little business during a rainy week.

However, Stone said, "By the time we hear on the application, we'd have a good idea of how the golf course was doing with the season behind us."

In stating his opposition to the grant, Councilor Edward Caba said it came with "chains, not strings, attached."

Ennis said the grant would force the town to make a survey of the conservation and recreation land for accessibility for the disabled and would place the town under state scrutiny for compliance with affirmative action and housing goals.

Ennis said a local municipal golf course that accepted the state grant made their tee-boxes handicap accessible for a blind man who takes eight hours to play the course. "That means that every golfer that wants to go out has to wait," Ennis said. "There are strings, strings that we don't even know about."

Ennis, Caba and Balboni all agreed that the town should not rush into improvements at the golf course and the irrigation system should be installed at a few holes each year rather than all at once.

Johnson Fails To Understand Actions By Some Councilors

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's attempt to tap into state aid for a \$600,000 irrigation system at the Agawam Country Club may have fizzled out at the May 17th special meeting of Town Council called to consider applying for a grant.

Councilor Walter Balboni was thought to be joined by Councilors Edward Caba and Gary Suffriti in a charter objection that automatically moved the issue to the next council meeting scheduled for June 6th, five days after the deadline for filing the grant application.

However, Council President James Taylor disputed the claim that Suffriti had joined in the objection. Taylor said he had officially recognized Balboni's objections and Caba's second to the objection. With only two councilors on record with the charter objection, the mayor has called a special Town Council meeting to consider the grant application before the June 1st deadline.

At a special meeting to be held on Thursday, May 26th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, the council will vote on the issue without further debate.

Johnson said a charter objection theoretically stops the council "clock" immediately prior to a vote, and no further discussion of the issue can take place at the next meeting when the issue comes up for a vote.

A charter objection is a parliamentary move allowed by the Town Charter which allows a councilor to "charter object" just prior to the roll call vote. This maneuver automatically delays a vote on the particular item until the next meeting of the council. If two or more councilors join a charter objection, it can only be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council. There can be no discussion about the item and the council must immediately vote on it.

Johnson has been seeking the council's go-ahead for the town to apply for up to \$150,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and up to 66 percent reimbursement from the Urban Self-Help program.

May Not Be Offered Again

Johnson said it was the same grant which the town applied for and won seven years ago to purchase Perry Lane. The money has not been available since 1990 and may never be offered again.

Unable to attend the meeting, Johnson later said he didn't understand where the council was going with their action in refusing to apply for a state reimbursement grant.

Johnson said the grant is only offered for recreational use and has "nothing to do with fire stations or DPW garages or school additions."

Johnson told us, "All the council did was cost the fee-payers at the Agawam Country Club more money. They didn't save the taxpayers anything because to date the taxpayers haven't paid anything for Agawam Country Club."

Although the town has borrowed the money to purchase the golf course, Johnson said it will not cost the taxpayers any money because the revenues from the course will repay the loan and will be used to fund improvements at the course. The country club is supposed to be a self-sustaining operation that will not need to rely on tax dollars to support it.

Johnson said it was a "catch-22 situation." In order to raise more revenues, the golf course needs an irrigation system and refusing to apply for funds to help pay for the system was like "cutting your nose off to spite your face."

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Pasta Dinner To Be Hosted By Jim Taylor

A pasta and meatball dinner will be hosted by State Representative candidate and Agawam City Council President James D. Taylor on June 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club of Agawam, located on Route 57 in the Feeding Hills section of town.

"It will be a great family event," said Taylor. "I look forward to meeting the people of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland, Blandford, and Russell." Taylor is seeking the seat for the Third Hampden District.

Taylor said it will be a great opportunity for old friends to meet and new acquaintances to be made. Advance tickets are available from The Taylor Committee office at 786-0300. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to DARE.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM APPROVED - TOR-94-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, CHAPTER 180, ARTICLE XI, ENTITLED 'INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT B'

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam under the authority granted by M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 1 to 22 inclusive, enacted the Agawam Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of promoting health, safety, convenience, and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed amendment will result in improved public safety; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance amendment is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

Amend the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, Article XI, Industrial B District, Section 180-65, Lot Size; Lot Coverage, by adding the following, Section 180-65C:

C. No lot shall have frontage of less than one hundred (100) feet on a street line, however, this frontage requirement shall not apply to lots established by a deed or plan recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, prior to the first notice of the public hearing on this ordinance amendment (March 3, 1994), if, and only if, said parcel of land was not held in common ownership with sufficient adjoining parcels of land, on the date of the first notice of public hearing on this ordinance amendment (March 3, 1994), to satisfy, in combination, the required one hundred (100) feet of frontage on a street line.

DATED THIS Twelfth DAY OF May, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL.

James D. Taylor, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

Published: May 26, 1994

Taylor Helps With "Food For Friends" Drive



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAMES D. TAYLOR was on hand to assist with the "Food For Friends" Drive at the Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills Center. Over 41 boxes of food were collected for the Mass. Food Banks. IN TOP PHOTO, Taylor is pictured with store manager Emilia Miner; IN PHOTO BELOW - Taylor is pictured with volunteers Ann Cote, Mary Rapa, and Linda O'Neill.



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Vets' Groups Prepare For Memorial Day



FLAGGING GRAVES of veterans at the Agawam Center Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day are, from left - Mario A. L'Archeveque, Agawam American Legion commander; Priscilla Peterson, WWII vet; Ruth Bitzas, Agawam Veterans' agent; and Glenn F. Seymour, adjutant, Agawam American Legion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FLAGGING GRAVES AT the Agawam Center Cemetery last Saturday were Matthew Couture, Jerry Couture (chairman of Agawam Veterans' Council), and Jonathan Couture. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council's June 6th Agenda

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/16/94; Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 5/19/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-94-14, A Resolution Authorizing the Conservation Commission to Submit Grant Applications to the Department of Environmental Management for Funding for an Irrigation System for the Agawam Country Club, Aga., MA (Charter Object by Coun. Balboni, Caba & Suffriti on 5/19/94).
 2. TR-94-15, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Lease Agreement for use of Property Located at 733 Main St., Aga., MA (Mayor).
 3. TR-94-16, A Resolution Accepting the Provisions of Ch. 481 of the Acts of 1993 to Allow Common Victualers Licensed to sell Wine and Malt Beverages to also sell Liqueurs and Cordials (Pres. Taylor).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings

- None.
10. Old Business
 - (a) Orders
 1. TO-94-25-Renewal of Junk Dealer License: Block Jewelers.
 2. TO-94-26-Renewal of Junk Dealer License: John Rosati d/b/a John's Trucking of Agawam, Inc.
 3. TO-94-27-Renewal of Junk Dealer License: T's Jewelers.
 4. TO-94-28-Application for Permit for Automatic Amusement Device License (Juke Box & Weekly Amusement) for Quest Inc. d.b.a. Michael Anthony's, 1251 River Road, Agawam, MA.
 5. TO-94-29-Application for permit for Automatic Amusement Device License, (2 video machines & 2 pool tables), for Quest Inc. d.b.a. Michael Anthony's, 1251 River Road, Aga., MA.
 6. TO-94-30-Voucher List (\$83.88).
11. New Business
 - (a) Orders
 1. TO-94-31-Application-Gas Storage Permit-Town of Agawam, 128 Southwick St., FH, MA-Request for 1,000 gal. above-ground gasoline for private use (Set Public Hearing Date).
 2. TO-94-32-Application for video permit for J.W. Wimpy's, 365 Walnut St. Ext., Aga., MA.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of TUCKAHOE TURF FARMS, INC., which is seeking renewal of a Special Permit (Case No. 1349), in accordance with Section 180-8, Paragraph G of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the removal of sod, at the premises identified as 627 SOUTH WEST STREET. By order of the Board of Appeals, Ronald A. Hebert
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Published: May 26, 1994

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- Are all appliances with hot surfaces and light bulbs kept away from things that burn easily (i.e., paper, cloth, etc.)?

HEATING -

- Is the chimney flue and heating unit cleaned and overhauled before each heating season?

- Are all flammable materials kept away from the furnace or other heat sources?

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS -

- Is the garage kept free of oil, paint, and grease?

- Are all flammable liquids stored in Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) approved metal safety cans outside the house?

- Do you know never to use gasoline to clean?

- When you use flammable liquids (look on the label to tell if it is flammable), do you use them in a well-ventilated area away from heat sources?

COMBUSTIBLES -

- Are accumulations of old furniture, newspapers, books, and magazines kept to a minimum?

OUTDOORS -

- Is the area around the outside of your house kept free of rubbish and dry leaves?

- Is the barbecue grill kept away from combustibles and where it will not tip over on anyone?

- Do you always wait for motors (lawn mower, mini-bike, etc.) to cool down before refueling them?

- Do you extinguish all cigarettes when refueling your car at the gas station?

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- Are older children taught the proper use of matches under supervision?

- Do you never smoke while reclining on upholstered furniture or while in bed?

COOKING -

- Do you know never to wear loose-fitting clothes near the stove?

- Are cooking appliance cords kept up on the counter, out of the reach of children?

- Are pot handles turned inward to avoid scalding accidents?

- Are young children kept away from cooking areas?

- Are cooking areas kept clean of grease?

- Have you removed things you use often from the cabinet or shelf above the stove?

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Bitzas Has Strong Family Support In State Rep. Race

In a statement released this week, George Bitzas, Agawam Council Vice-President and Democratic candidate for State Representative of the Third Hampden District, said, "Having your family at your side makes the campaign a lot easier. You cannot run and be involved in a campaign trail without the helping hand of your family and your friends."

Bitzas, who is serving his third term as an Agawam City Councilor, will be in a primary on September 20th, 1994.

"As a teacher and father of three children in the Agawam School System, I will emphasize family values and education if elected as your State Representative," concluded Bitzas.

Check our classified

Barbara Barton Dunn Elected To Head Town Democrats

The Agawam Democratic Committee has begun preparation for a busy year, beginning with the recent election of chairperson Barbara Barton Dunn. Ms. Dunn's first order of business will be to lead the Agawam delegation at the 1994 Democratic State Convention in Worcester on June 3rd and 4th.

Elected to serve with Ms. Dunn on the Executive Committee of the Agawam Democratic Committee are Scott E. Letendre, Co-chair; Joanne H. Willis, Secretary; Ronald A. Hebert, Treasurer; Meanette Vermes, Affirmative Action and Outreach Advisor; and Walter A. Balboni, At-large member. The officers have all been active in Democratic politics at the local, state, and national levels.

Plans are now underway to honor retiring State Representative Michael P. Walsh as "Democrat of the Year." The dinner to be scheduled this fall will gather Democrats from across the area and the state to honor this well-liked and widely respected state representative and will also showcase Democratic unity for district and state-wide races in November. The committee plans to establish an annual "Mike Walsh Democrat of the Year Award."

The Agawam Democratic Committee welcomes new members and invites anyone interested in participating in the elections and programs of the Democratic Party to attend its meetings, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station.

AAN Has Openings...

The Agawam Advertiser News is seeking a driver for its delivery to newsstands and to the Agawam Post Office on Thursdays and Saturdays. Must be flexible on Thursdays due to printers' schedule. Saturdays are strictly in the morning. Reliability is a must. We can provide vehicle on Thursdays; if you use your own vehicle, it should be a van or small pickup. For more info, call 786-7747 or 786-8137. Ask for Ric Sardella. References necessary.

The Agawam Advertiser News is also seeking a sports writer or writers to finish the Agawam High School Spring Sports Season, and for the summertime months. All work is done outside of the office. Writing experience necessary, along with a good working knowledge of sports. Call 786-7747 or 786-8137. Ask for Ric Sardella.

COUNTRY CLUB - from Page 8...

Johnson dismissed the idea that the town would be hampered by "strings, chains, or ropes" attached to the state funds that would mandate making the course handicap accessible and prevent the town from selling the property (or converting it to uses other than recreational in the future).

Johnson pointed out that most of the tee-boxes are already at ground level and therefore accessible to the disabled. He said the clubhouse is currently being made handicap accessible during the renovation process. Johnson said work on the tee-boxes has already been planned and it was "no big deal" to install the earthen ramps that would make the boxes accessible to wheelchairs.

Call Ennis' Remarks Absurd

Johnson called Councilor Thomas Ennis' remarks raising the issue of problems over handicap accessibility at the course "absurd."

Johnson said that all state and federal aid comes with strings attached and the town is already obligated to comply with state and federal regulations regarding handicap accessibility and fair housing practices due to grants that the town has received.

Johnson said he was not concerned over the town being compelled to preserve the land as open space should the golf course operation ever be shut down because that was the original reason for purchasing the property. "We've hit a homerun if it stays as open space," Johnson said.

According to the Mayor, there is no connection between the grant application for an irrigation system at the country club and progress on the DPW garage, the fire station, or school additions. Johnson said it was misleading to suggest that accepting the grant would have any effect on those projects.

Moreover, Johnson said merely applying for the grant would not necessarily mean the irrigation system would have been installed all at once as some councilors complained. Johnson said it would have been possible to do the work in phases and be reimbursed from the grant in stages.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

Published: May 26, 1994

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BRIAN SIMPSON plays one of the many games available at the Annual Town Fair at Perry Lane Park. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, the Town Fair again drew a large crowd. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Matthew Kulak and Jason Aloisi enjoy face-painting. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.**

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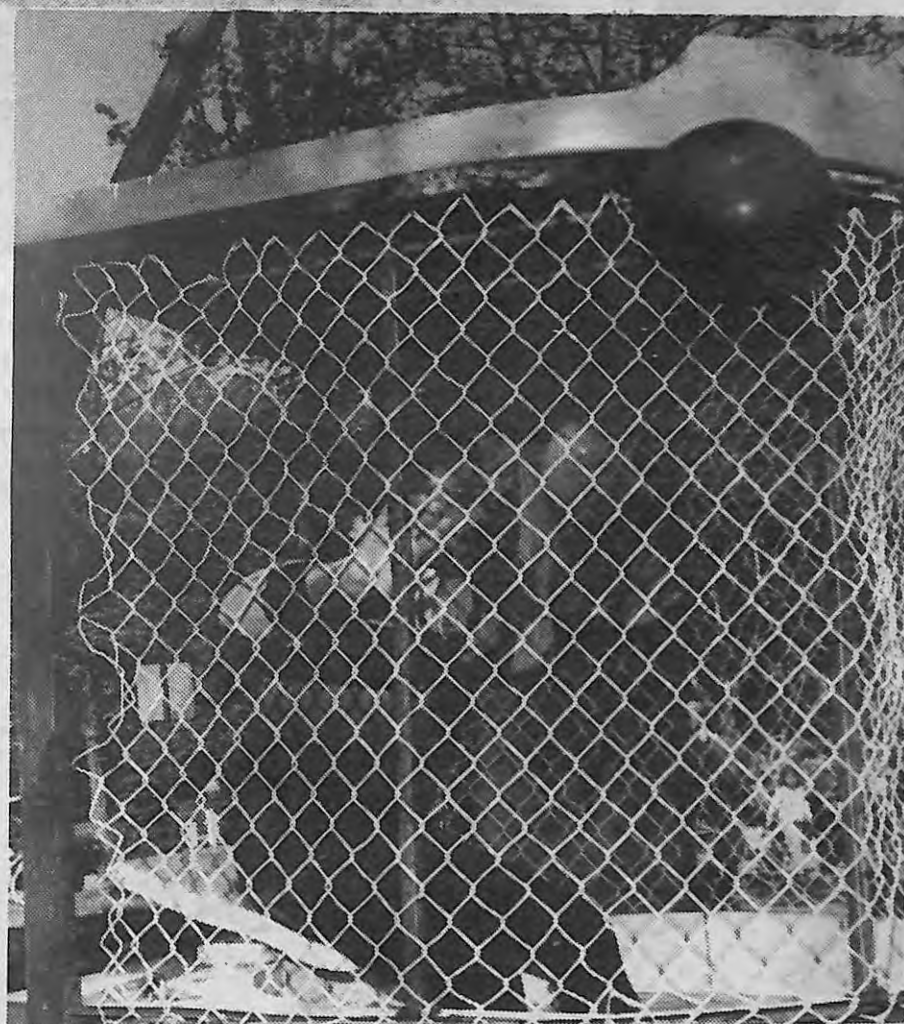


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Smiles, Smiles, Smiles At Town Fair



IN TOP PHOTO, George and Green Real Estate were handing out balloons at the Annual Town Fair at Perry Lane Park, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Pictured are Vincent Retunna, Shauna Hadden, Lindsey Hadden, John Langevin, and Kathy Ayre. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Town Council President James Taylor is about to be dunked in the popular dunking booth. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Senior Center's Calendar For June

Wednesday, June 1st: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes (by appointment).

Wednesday, June 1st: 9:00 a.m. "Friends" board meeting.

Wednesday, June 1st: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

Friday, June 3rd: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening (by appointment).

Friday, June 3rd: 12:30 program with Mr. Joe Dent of Merrill Lynch.

Monday, June 6th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, June 6th: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. New oil painting class.

Tuesday, June 7th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE - Serving Health Information Needs of Seniors (by appointment).

Tuesday, June 7th: 10:00 a.m. Bus pick-up for the Julius LaRosa trip.

Tuesday, June 7th: 12:30 program: "Stroke Information" with Gina Blackie.

Tuesday, June 7th: 1:00 p.m. Blood pressure check (no appointment needed).

Wednesday, June 8th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, June 9th: 10:00 a.m. Election of officers for ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes). All senior athletes welcome to join.

Friday, June 10th: 12:30 program - Estate Planning and Wills.

Monday, June 13th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, June 14th: 12:30 program - "Emergency ID Card Seminar" with Mr. Mark Smith.

Wednesday, June 15th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

Thursday, June 16th: 9:15 a.m. Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Friday, June 17th: 9:15 a.m. Weldon Mobile Hearing Unit - Free Hearing Clinic (by appointment).

Friday, June 17th: 12:30 p.m. Father's Day Annual Picnic. Reservations now open.

Friday, June 17th: 1:15 p.m. Senior Games Opening Ceremonies, Springfield College Campus.

Saturday, June 18th: 5:30 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, June 20th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, June 21st: 9:00 a.m. SHINE service (by appointment).

Tuesday, June 21st: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment needed.

Tuesday, June 21st: 2:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Atty. Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Tuesday, June 21st: 4:00 p.m. Council on Aging board meeting.

Wednesday, June 22nd: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

Friday, June 24th: 12:30 program - "Alzheimer's ... Knowing When."

Saturday, June 25th: 5:30 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, June 27th: Agawam Chapter AARP meeting. All are invited to attend. New members are encouraged to join. ...

SPECIAL PROGRAMS SCHEDULED:

On Friday, June 3rd, at 12:30 p.m., a representative from Merrill Lynch will be making a very important presentation on the following topics: estate planning, long-term health care (life in-

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urance), and CD alternatives. Different companies have different ideas on the same subjects, thereby making it interesting to compare the companies. Come join us at 12:30 p.m. on June 3rd to check the program out; see you there!

On Tuesday, June 14th, at 12:30 p.m., a special "Emergency Identification Card Seminar" will take place. Ask yourself: If you are away from home and become seriously injured, how easy would it be for someone to contact your family? Your doctor? Or anyone who might have knowledge of your medical history or relatives? Find out the answers to all these questions and more... on Tuesday, June 14th, at 12:30 p.m.

HEALTHY COOKING & EATING:

For those of you who missed the Healthy Cooking and Eating programs which were held at the Senior Center in May, you may attend one of the four being held at the Agawam Public Library on June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Each session will last two hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and participation is free. Residents of Agawam may register by calling the library at 789-1550.

Peter Savenko, Manager of Food Production at Baystate Medical Center, and his staff will prepare an entire meal. A dietician will give an overview of low fat/low cholesterol diets and tips on shopping, reading the new food labels, and dining out. Participants will then enjoy the meal.

The meal will consist of: Italian minestrone soup, tossed chef's salad, healthy lasagna, sesame bread sticks, and nut and fruity pudding.

The program is made possible through a grant received from Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. Registration is limited, so call early.

SENIOR CENTER TRIP:

Julius LaRosa Show/Aqua Turf on Tuesday, June 7th. Departure time is 10:00 a.m., and the estimated time home is 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will consist of fruit cup, choice of baked scrod, chicken a la Kathryn, dessert, beverage, rolls and butter.

Entertainment will be provided by the on-stage, "Laugh-A-Minute" antics of Uncle Floyd, as well as the magical experience of Julius LaRosa.

The price is \$49 per person.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM ON "ALZHEIMER'S":

On Friday, June 24th, at 12:30 p.m., an infor-

mative presentation has been scheduled and will be presented by Dr. Victoria Peters, who specializes in geriatrics. The presentation is called "Alzheimer's ... Knowing When."

The signs of this dreaded disease aren't always what you think. Be better informed about Alzheimer's by attending this poignant presentation on Friday, June 24th, at 12:30 p.m.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC:

Reservations are now open for the Annual Father's Day Outdoor Picnic to be held on Friday, June 17th, at 12:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 786-0400, extension 242.

SUMMER CLASS:

A special "oil painting class" will be held on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. It will be conducted by the very talented Jeannie Reich, who gave an exceptional introductory seminar on Friday, May 20th; the reception was exceptional, and many who attended have enrolled in the class.

There is room for a few more students. If you are interested, please call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities director). There is a charge for instruction and supplies.



KRISTIE WOSZCZYNA

Kristie Woszczyna Miss. Conn. Valley

Kristie Woszczyna was awarded the title of Miss Connecticut Valley Overall Queen on May 1st at the Parwick Center. She also won the sportswear and formal modeling titles in her age division.

Kristie has won numerous titles, including Miss Agawam 1992. She is a member of the Pioneer Gymnastics team. She recently took first place all-around at an AAU Qualifying meet and will move on to the New England Regional Championships later this month.

Kristie also attends Annmarie's Dance Place Plus where she is in her eighth year of dancing. She auditioned and was selected to play a party child for the Albany Berkshire Ballet production of the Nutcracker last December.

Kristie enjoys modeling and is signed with A-Plus Models in New York and Cameo Kids in Boston. She is in the fourth grade at James Clark School and is the daughter of Al and Donna Woszczyna of 17 South Brooke Lane.

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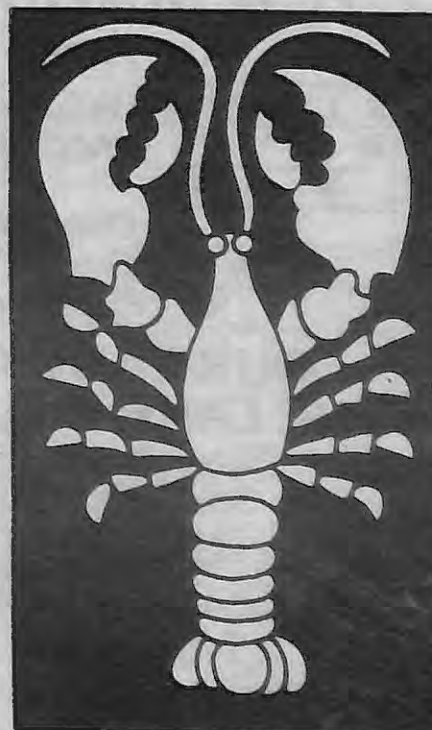
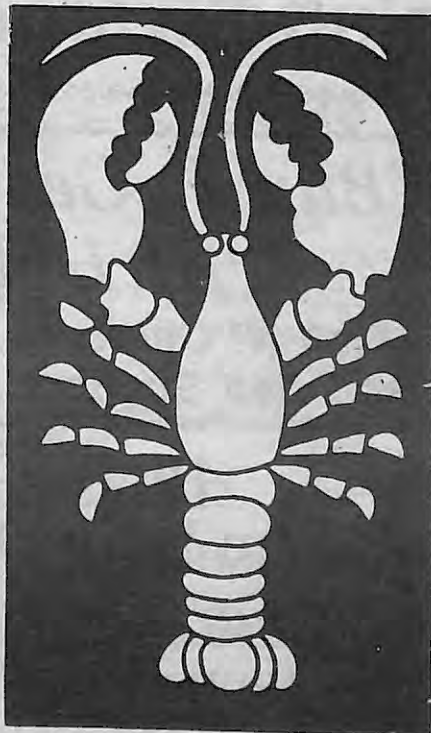
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Ag. Junior Women Bring Home Hardware After State Conference

The Annual Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts for Junior Membership was well attended by 17 members of the Agawam's Junior Women's Club.

The Annual Conference was held this year at the Sheraton Milford Hotel in Milford, Massachusetts. Members who attended were Pat Belisle, Stephanie Bertagnolli, Rosalie Dialessi, Diane Graveline, Eileen Hamre, Carol Patrick, Donna Shibley, Liz Taylor, Ann Woodard, Nancy Campi, Eva Jack, Cindy Sanford, Betty Vershon, Doreen Ayotte, Sue Godfrey, Sue Hoague, and Cindy Krollicki.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Rosemary Verri, Humorist, who spoke on "Make Room for Laughter." She specifically wanted to emphasize and she quote, "One out of four people are abnormal. If your three friends seem normal, you're not."

After considerable laughter from the conference floor, she seriously pointed out that, "A smile will influence how you feel. That no matter how difficult life seems, smile your way through and the difficult times will seem less stressful."

As the evening progressed, awards were passed out for the many community projects Juniors have sponsored in their local communities.

Agawam, again, received several honors in many categories. At the Awards Luncheon, the Agawam Junior Women's Club received certificates for the ARTS, CONSERVATION, THE GFWC JR. SPECIAL PROJECT RECOGNITION (Child at Risk-Child Abuse), INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, and THE NEWSLETTER.

At the Awards Banquet, Agawam received trophies for EDUCATION, HOME LIFE, MEMBERSHIP (Golden State Award), PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (Pressbook & Overall Winner), and YOUTH INVOLVEMENT.

The most notable award and the greatest honor received by any club is the trophy for PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES. Agawam received this trophy for the many programs that the club puts on every year which affect just about everyone in the community (children, families, spouses, and seniors).

The activities that this honor and all the others were given for are the Town Fair, Arts & Crafts Fair, Breakfast With Santa, "Up With People," Fashion Show, StageWest ushering, visits to the Heritage Home, painting the USA map on elementary school parking lots, Food Baskets for the Holidays, Christmas ornaments, Townwide Clean-Up, Project Permanency, Plants for the High School, scholarships, recycling, Tambrands Testing, and for the assistance the club gives to other community organizations, just to name a few.

Margaret Timmons was honored for her essay on Alzheimer's Disease, entered in the "Learning Something New" contest, and Ann Woodard won a Junior Women's basket containing "Mickey Mouse" items at the banquet raffle.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS proudly display the many awards won recently at the Annual Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Captain Leonard House Back As Site For Jr. Women's Club's Arts Fest

By popular demand, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be holding its 20th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the historic Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam.

After many requests by both crafters and residents, the Agawam Juniors decided to return the Festival to the Captain Leonard House. The grounds provide a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere with large trees for shade, blooming flowers, and a small herb garden.

The Festival will be juried to assure a variety of fine quality, handcrafted items and works of arts. There will be an array of artisans from all over New England and New York set on the lawn

displaying their work.

A new feature to the Festival this year will be a local Student Art Exhibit. Students from the Agawam Middle School and the Junior High School are invited to enter their own original artwork to be displayed inside the Pine Room of the Leonard House.

Guided tours of the historic Leonard House will be available, a food booth for refreshments and many raffles will be held throughout the day.

All proceeds from the Arts & Crafts Festival will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund. The AJWC is a member of the GFWC and the GFWCM.

For further information, call 786-6491 or 786-3191.

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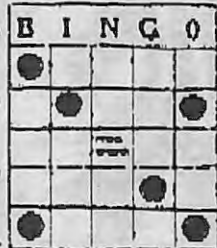
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THE NEW COMPUTER at the Open Pantry in West Springfield is admired by Executive Director Diane Crowell. Working on the computer is Bruce Ackerman of the Farm Credit Bank, who is also a member of the Pantry's board of directors. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

50th Anniversary For Perry & Rose McCobb Helps Open Pantry

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

You could call the new computer at Open Pantry in West Springfield, "the one that love bought." The computer was purchased with cash gifts given to Mr. & Mrs. Perry McCobb of Feeding Hills on the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

The McCobbs have been volunteers with Open Pantry of West Springfield for eight years. Through their church, and with other church members, they prepare a monthly dinner at their church and take it to Open Pantry to serve people in need of a meal.

When the invitations went out for their 50th wedding anniversary party, which was held in November at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield, it requested that instead of gifts, the guests consider giving a cash donation for Open Pantry. More than \$1,000 was realized.

On behalf of Open Pantry, Diane Crowell, executive director, said she was happy to accept the funds. The only string the McCobbs stipulated was that it not go into the general fund but be used for something tangible - something the donors could see and know that their gift was used for.

Diane, along with the Open Pantry Board of Directors, decided on a computer that would replace the second-hand one in use. It had been given to the Open Pantry by a donor. Everyone involved concurred, and Bruce Ackerman, a member of the board of directors, was instrumental in getting another \$500 gift from the Farm Credit Bank of Agawam. He has been employed by the bank for 25 years and is a policy coordinator at the bank. He has been volunteering at Open Pantry for about three years.

"Mr. Ackerman is using the computer and will show others how to use it," Diane said. The gift included the computer, printer, and some software. It is being used for reports, record keeping, mailings, etc.

"This is the first instance I know of for a gift of this kind to result from anniversary presents," Ackerman said. "We hope it will be a precedent locally and others may follow suit."

Perry and Rose McCobb were married November 25th, 1942 at St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield. Rose is a native of Greenfield and Perry is from Erving, a town near Orange, Mass. Perry served as a technical sergeant in the Army Medical Corps in England and France during World War II. He is retired after 46 years employment at American Bosch Co., of Springfield. He was in the marketing department.

Rose worked for Hi-G of Windsor Locks, Ct., manufacturers of electronic parts for 13 years. The couple moved to Feeding Hills in 1948. They are parents of Marilyn Faust of Somers, and Phyllis Stoddard of East Longmeadow. They have five grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. PERRY MCCOBB

Tour Of Homes Set By Ag. Historical Asso.

On Saturday, June 4th, the Agawam Historical Association will sponsor a Tour of Homes and Garden Tour. Hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Homes on the tour include Jim & Eva Dion, 28 Charest Lane; Marilyn & Gene Louderback, 940 Main Street; Barbara & Tim O'Connor, 1496 Main Street; Roda home, 103 Hunter's Greene; Noble Rosenberg home, 251 North West St.; Pamela Jacobsen's garden, 34 Highmeadow Rd., Feeding Hills.

Tickets are \$8 and are available from members and at the following locations:

Floral Concepts, 266 Walnut St.; Mitch's Home & Garden Ctr., 1265 Suffield St.; Feeding Hills Public Market, 634 Springfield St.; Cincotta Farms, 1266 Springfield St.; Agawam Flower Shop, 430 Main St.; Storowton Village Gift Shop, Storowton Village, West Springfield.

Tickets and refreshments will be available on June 4th at the Agawam Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam.

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Obituaries



John Noble Magovern

John Noble Magovern, 84, of 144 Birch Hill Road, founder of the Magovern Company and a leader of the golf and turf equipment industry, died Monday at home.

Active in civic affairs, he helped found the Lions Club, Trestleboard, Rotary, and YMCA in Agawam. He received the Paul Harris Award from Rotary and was part of a group that purchased Perry Lane Park for the YMCA. He was a 50-year member of the Springfield Masonic Lodge and had been active in the Melha Shrine Temple.

Born in Cushendall, Ireland, he immigrated to this country from Ederny, County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland in 1923. He never forgot his native land and returned often.

While there he refurbished his childhood church, served on the board of directors of the Tyrone Crystal Company, and represented the United States at the opening of the Mellon International Peace Park.

After moving to Agawam, he attended the Agawam Public Schools and worked many varied jobs, including several years at the former Carlisle Hardware Company in Springfield.

He has been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Agawam for almost 70 years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Eastman Bodurtha; two daughters, Marjorie Greenough of Agawam, and Mary M. Zimmerman of Louisville, Kentucky; three sons, John B. and Robert A. of Agawam, and Charlie of Boulder, Colorado.

He also is survived by 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves a sister, Sarah Raymond of Warehouse Point, Connecticut; and two nieces and a nephew.

A service to honor his life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Friday morning, May 27th, at 10:30 a.m. A service of Christian Burial will be held at the Agawam Center Cemetery at the conclusion of the church services. A period of visiting hours was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home on Cooper Street, followed by a Masonic Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the John and Dorothy Magovern Scholarship Fund, c/o Agawam First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or to the Hospice of Hampshire County at Noble Hospital, 86 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

Emily V. Roberts

Emily V. (Travis) Roberts, 93, of 349 Park Ave., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She was born in England and settled in Central Falls, Rhode Island in 1927.

She lived in Springfield for 55 years before moving here 18 years ago. She was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills. Her husband, Percy Roberts, died in 1949.

Mrs. Roberts leaves two sons, Percy and Donald of West Springfield; two daughters, Dorothy Lomas of Cary, North Carolina, and Margie Walmsey of Venice, Florida; 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Another son, George, died in 1960.

The funeral was at the church, with burial at the Moshassuck Cemetery in Central Falls. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, 01030.

Hazardous Waste Collection June 11

The Town of Agawam announces that Saturday, June 11th, 1994 has been designated as Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The collection will take place in the parking lot of Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Only town residents are able to participate in this collection, and proof of residency will be required.

WHAT TO BRING

Household hazardous waste no longer needed; five gallons or 50 pounds maximum per household; preferably items kept in original sealed containers.

For example:

- Oil-based marine or lead paints and strippers.
- Paint thinner, solvents, stains and varnishes.
- Solvent adhesives.
- Lighter fluid.
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline).
- Antifreeze, engine degreaser.
- Carburetor cleaner, brake fluid.
- Transmission fluid, car wax.
- Poisons, insecticides.
- Weed killers, mothballs.
- Wood preservatives.
- "No Pest" strips, flea powder.
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies.
- Rubber cement, airplane glue.
- Fiberglass resins.
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets.
- Cleaning supplies.
- Furniture, floor and metal polishes.
- Oven, toilet bowl and drain cleaners.
- Rug and upholstery cleaners.
- Spot removers.
- Dry cleaning solvents.
- Septic tank degreasers.
- Swimming pool chemicals.
- Dry cell batteries.

- Aerosol cans.

HOW CAN I BE SAFE IN TRANSPORTING MATERIALS?

Tighten caps and lids, leaving materials in original labeled containers.

• Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.

• Sort and pack separately: paint and pesticides; household cleaners.

• Avoid spills and do not place in a garbage bag.

- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

• Pack your car and drive directly to the site. NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.

• Stay in your car. You will be given specific instructions at the site.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Latex paint.
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives.
- Radioactive wastes.
- Infectious & biological wastes.
- Prescription medicines/syringes.
- Penta brand wood preservatives.
- Smoke detectors.
- Asbestos.
- Commercial or industrial waste.
- Tires.
- Pesticides containing 2-4-5-T, Silvex.

WILL SOME MATERIALS BE REFUSED?

We have listed materials that will not be accepted. We also reserve the right to refuse unidentified materials and large amounts of hazardous waste.

For used oil, bring to DPW Garage, 1347 Main Street, anytime Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OR Saturday, June 11th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Ronald A. Hebert
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Mr. & Ms. Congeniality



PAULINE BEKES and FRITZ KERBER, both residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, South Building, were named "Mr. & Ms. Congeniality" of the Year by their peers. The two were crowned at a reception to being National Nursing Home Week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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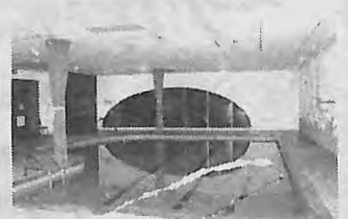
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Golden Agers Hold Annual Service To Remember Deceased

Louis Scherpa, President of Agawam Gold Age Club, Chapter 2, conducted the Annual Memorial Service for the Club on Wednesday, May 18th. He invited two senior students from the Agawam High School to receive Memorial Scholarship Awards.

A committee of five Club members, chaired by Virginia Lake and including Rita Matys, Ruth Pieper, Perry McCobb, and Edmund Moylan, carefully studied all the scholarship applications submitted by the Agawam High School students.

Two students were selected by the committee to receive the Golden Age Club scholarship awards. Chosen were Angela R. Dean of 22 Wilson St., Agawam and Kevin D. Gillette of 28 Poinsetta Street, Agawam.

Ernest Swanson, Club Treasurer, presented each student with a check of \$150. He also gave the recipients words of encouragement for success in their studies.

Both Angela and Kevin expressed their thanks to the Club for the awards and stated that they have been accepted by Springfield Technical Community College to further their studies. Angela Dean indicated her interest in police work and Kevin Gillette leaned in the direction of teaching.

A Special Memorial Service for deceased members followed the Awards presentation. Club Chaplain Leanne Dion read the names of each member who had died during the past year and she placed a pink carnation in a vase at the head table in fond memory of each person. Organ music and songs were provided by Jeannette Denoncourt, Director of Music at the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

President Louis Scherpa noted that Memorial Scholarship Awards have been made by Club Chapter 2 continuously for the past seven years. He stated also that the Club has participated in community service by assisting students in the American Field Service Program, helping needy persons through the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, making donations to the Springfield Shriners Hospital or to the Agawam choral students and to other organizations.

Agawam residents, 60 years of age or older, are cordially invited to join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, by calling Louis Scherpa at 786-0203 or Edward Grimes at 786-7634.

Sgt. Gary T. Liard Gets Conduct Medal

George T. Liard of Feeding Hills, a sergeant first class serving on active duty with the Connecticut Army National Guard, has been awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity" from December 1989 to December 1992.

This marks the second time Liard received this award.

He is a member of the Headquarters State Area Command, in Hartford, and serves as a guidance counselor at the military entrance process station in Springfield.



BABY JACOB TYLER CONWAY

Conway Family Proud Of Baby Son, Jacob

John & Kim Conway are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Tyler Conway.

Jacob arrived six weeks early on April 10th at 9:27 a.m. He weighed five pounds, 2 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Cynthia Ferris of Feeding Hills. Paternal Grandparents are Mrs. Ellen Conway and the late John J. Conway of West Springfield.

Great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bouley of Feeding Hills and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Ferris of Agawam.

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THE TAPPLY KIDS, Adam and Katie, with their new baby brother, Nicholas.

Tapply Family Adds Third Child, Nicholas

Adam and Katie Tapply of 26 Hunter's Greene Circle announce with pride the birth of their baby brother, Nicholas Peter.

Nicholas was born on April 8th, 1994 and weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces. He was 21 inches long.

Dad and Mom are Steven and Susan Tapply. Grandparents are Peter and Carol Hallock of Agawam and Warren and Ann Tapply of Westfield. Welcome, Nicholas!

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AIRMAN KURT V. SHOUSE

Airman Kurt Shouse Completes Basic At Lackland AFB

Airman Basic Kurt V. Shouse completed six weeks of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base. He was selected to be in the Drum and Bugle Corps flight.

After completion of Security Police School at Lackland and Air Base Ground Defense training at Fort Dix, he will be stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona.

Airman Shouse is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School.

He is the son of Dana L. Shouse and the late Dr. Clyde L. Shouse.

Golden Age Clubs' Calendar For June

June 1st: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with Sixth Grade Chorus from Agawam Middle School as guests.

June 3rd: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Agawam Police Station Community Room.

June 8th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Ms. Gail Noe, Springfield Council on Aging. "Insurance For Seniors."

June 8th: Chapter 2 - Trip to the "Aqua Turf Club." Julius LaRosa Show. Dinner included.

June 14th: Chapter 1 - Trip to "Independence Harbor" at Assonet, MA.

June 15th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Gift Bingo.

June 21st: Chapter 2 - Trip to "Foxwoods Casino" at Ledyard, CT.

June 22nd: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Gift Bingo.

June 24th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, May 31st: Beans & macaroni soup, pizza (pepperoni, hamburger, cheese), tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, June 1st: BBQ pork rib, potato fries, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, blackberry cup with whipped topping.

Thursday, June 2nd: Baked chicken leg, mashed potatoes, cabbage & carrot, oatmeal bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, June 3rd: Golden carrot soup, tunafish salad, tomato/cucumber salad, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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Agawam Jr. Women Hear Program On Special Olympics

Robert Mitton, a Special Olympics athlete, gave an informative talk on "Athletes for Outreach." He went on to say that the training for an athlete begins at the age of five.

The entry age to compete in the Olympics is from eight to 64-plus. Over 4,000 athletes compete annually. The students that are selected are in training weekly to prepare for the games.

There are over 24 different sports an athlete can compete in. These include summer sports, late summer sports, and winter sports. Sports such as volleyball, track and field, bowling, soccer, basketball, hockey, skating, just to name a few. As in the other olympics, these athletics also receive gold, bronze, and silver medals. Medals are not only received for individual competition but also for teamwork.

Jeannie Nelson, coach for the Special Olympics, showed a video on athletes in action depicting the skill, courage, sharing, and joy that they experience while competing. She also went on to explain that Special Olympics is completely funded by donations and contributions and is totally run by volunteers. The Kennedy Foundation and the Bank of New England are two of the organization's major contributors.

It takes \$1 million to put on this annual event. Most of the money is used to purchase medals, and to send athletes to the games. The breakdown in expenditures is 13 percent for solicitation, 17 percent for administration, and 70 percent for student athletes.

Robert tells us after the Olympics, athletes enjoy dancing at "Olympic Town." A place set up to socialize, Olympic town has arcade type games, food, memorabilia for sale, free pictures, and buttons.

The Special Olympics World Games will be held in New Haven, Connecticut in June of '95. This is the first time it's been held in New England. Over 80 countries will be competing in these games. The Special Olympics is always looking for volunteers to help out at these games.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Ag. Historical Asso. Plans Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Agawam Historical Association will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The banquet this year will be a Pot Luck Supper.

The speaker will be John Manning, Secretary of the Agawam Historical Association. He will present a program on Presidential Memorabilia and Trivia.

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Classic Guitar Music At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a program of classical guitar music on Thursday, June 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

The featured artist is Francesco Antelmi, formerly of Italy, who now resides in Agawam. Mr. Antelmi is a classical guitarist who was trained at the Conservatory of Pesaro in Italy.

He will perform a series of classical and popular pieces adapted for the classical guitar.

If you enjoy music, this is truly a unique and entertaining experience. Also, if you or your children have ever been interested in playing the classical guitar, come and be inspired by Mr. Antelmi's performance.

This is a program that the whole family will enjoy!

Heart Association Taking Donations

Honoring relatives and friends with a donation to the American Heart Association this Memorial Day is the perfect way to keep memories of loved ones alive while supporting the AHS's lifesaving cardiovascular research. Memorial gifts can be made by individuals, families, co-workers, and businesses.

To find out more about the American Heart Association Memorial Program, call the AHA's Massachusetts Affiliate at 508/620-1700.

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Church News

Buffet Supper At Agawam Baptist Church



HELPING TO SERVE THE DELICIOUS BUFFET SUPPER at the Agawam First Baptist Church recently in photo left were, from left - Diana LaZazzera, Martha Theodorowicz, and Jean Goss; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Edith Gottsche and Mamie Gran head for their seats to enjoy their meal. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Strawberry Supper At Ag. Congregational

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual strawberry supper on June 9th with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The menu will include potato salad, cole slaw, boiled ham, relish, rolls, and beverages, along with homemade strawberry shortcake.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations, call 786-0550 before June 7th.

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Church News - continued...

Theobald Family Primed For Fine Meal



MEMBERS OF THE THEOBALD FAMILY - Arthur, Chelsea (age 2), Corey, Dana (newborn), and Douglas wait for their turn to enjoy the buffet dinner sponsored by the Agawam First Baptist Church earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Special Memorial Weekend Service At Agawam Congregational On Sunday, May 29

Special Memorial Weekend Service will be held Sunday, May 29th at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam.

The guest preacher will be the Reverend Robert G. Lambert, of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Springfield. The Agawam Veterans' Council will be attending this Memorial Worship Service as well.

Plan to come and worship at this special Memorial Day Service. ***

Beginning Wednesday, June 1st, Midweek Service starts at 7:30 p.m. This time will continue until September 17th, 1994. ***

On June 3rd at 8:00 p.m., a CABARET will be presented by local musicians. Music of all types, from oldies to show tunes, to present day tunes and classical favorites, will be featured.

Tickets are \$4 (seating limited) and may be purchased at the church office, 786-7111. Plan on attending this "Night of Music" with your friends and neighbors. ***

The final 456 Club (fourth-sixth grade) meeting will be a picnic Saturday, June 4th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. ***

June 11th is "Tacos & Toes" for the 3*2*1*Contact group from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. All children in kindergarten through third grade are welcome. ***

Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 11th through 15th. Children ages two through fifth grade are welcome. Older children may volunteer to help our teachers.

Register early. Call the church office at 786-7111.

Saving The World Topic Of Sermon At F.H. Congregational

This week, Reverend Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "That the World Might Be Saved" at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. ***

Children's Sunday will be June 5th. There will be rehearsal for the service on Saturday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. Please try to attend. ***

The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 5th, following the Children's Service. There will be plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers for all. Please join in on the fun and games with us! ***

There will be a special meeting of the congregation after church on June 12th. ***

Thought for the week:

Robert Frost once observed that New England attics are filled with balls of twine, paper bags, and empty boxes that were set aside generations ago for a rainy day that never came. Churches, too, tend to set aside for a rainy day. Many set aside not twine and boxes, but hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It seems that we are not setting aside for a rainy day, but for a long retirement. This fund is earmarked. That fund can't be touched. We have to find money managers to help us maximize the interest because it has become so great that there is a significant difference between what we can "earn" with CD's compared to what we might "earn" in the market.

And all the while, our towns and cities struggle to decide what service should be cut and what program can be eliminated altogether. Perhaps it is time for the church to come out of retirement, start earning its way with dedicated effort to meet its own monthly expenses, and let the funds in the attic go to work now.

It seems that the rainy day is upon us.

Methodist Church Plans Guest Preacher

Agawam United Methodist Church is hosting Robert Allen as the guest preacher on Sunday, June 5th.

He is a director for the Campus Crusade for Christ in the Greater Springfield area. He was born and raised in Springfield. He and his wife have five children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Allen came to know Christ in 1980 and has been transformed by the Grace and Mercy of the Lord. He has been involved with the businessmen's Bible Study every Thursday morning at the YMCA in Springfield.

Anyone who wishes to hear his message is invited to the service at the Agawam United Methodist Church.

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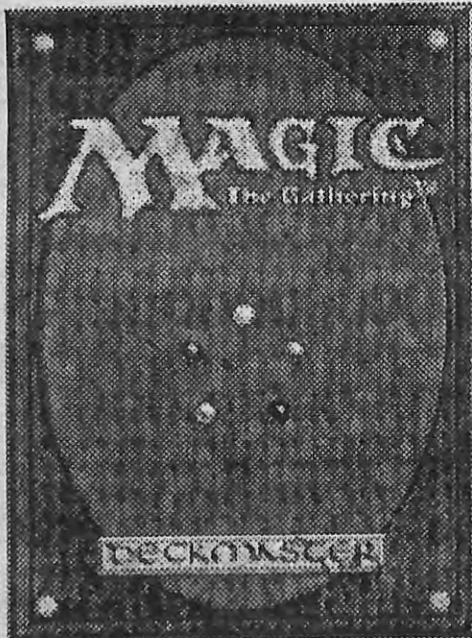


Miss Agawam Pageant

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I appreciate all of your calls of concern and I assure you the original and only **true Miss Agawam pageant** will still be held annually by Lori Andruss-Boyle. The **Miss Agawam** could never be duplicated by anyone. It is original and has been for the last 8 years. See you all next April.

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Church News - continued...**St. John's Church Welcomes Newest Parish Members**

Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam welcomed the newest members who were baptized in May: **John Brennan Conway**, son of Edward J. and Kerry A. Conway; **Michael Louis Haynes**, son of Walter W. and Marian C. Haynes; **Patrick William O'Keefe**, son of Keven T. and Donna L. O'Keefe; and **Alexander Thomas Paleologopoulos**, son of Mark. R. and Debra J. Paleologopoulos.

Bible camp registration forms are available in the rectory office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The camp will be held the week of July 11th-15th.

The Teen Encounter Prayer Group met on Wednesday, May 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The Over-60 Group is planning a trip to attend the ballet at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on July 21st.

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th at 8:30 a.m. to honor veterans of all wars, deceased family members, and friends.

Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 7:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Adoration Society To Meet June 3rd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nun's Chapel, Riverdale Road, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, June 3rd from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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RIVER**Catholic Women Planning Arts Fest On Sat., June 4th**

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a Festival of Crafts on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam.

Paula Raiche and Judy Shrader are co-chairing the event that raises funds for needy families. Joan Malinoski is in charge of the bake sale.

The event will feature many local artisans. There are still some openings for crafters. For more information, please call Mrs. Raiche at 789-0244.

Strawberry Supper To Be Held At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Strawberry Supper and Food Sale on Saturday, June 18th.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, home baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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The Shakedown On Salt

If your blood pressure is low, you don't need to worry about salt. RIGHT? Wrong! Scientists disagree about the dangers of salt. However, the U.S. Surgeon General and the National Academy of Sciences say Americans need to cut down on salt - or more precisely, sodium.

Too much sodium can raise your blood pressure. Even if your pressure is normal now, it's likely to go up as you grow older. In one study, blood pressure rose an average of 15 points between ages 25 and 55. If you cut sodium by 2,300 mg of sodium a day over a lifetime, your blood pressure would still go up, but it would rise only six points, not 15.

SALT & OSTEOPOROSIS

High blood pressure isn't the only threat from sodium. Too much sodium can increase your risk of developing the brittle bone disease osteoporosis.

The more sodium you eat, the more sodium you excrete. When you excrete sodium, it takes calcium along with it. Each teaspoon of salt (2,000 mg) that you eat, can pull out one percent of your skeleton a year.

That means you lose 10 percent of your skeleton every 10 years! Of course, if you eat enough calcium to replace the calcium that gets lost each day, you'll keep your skeleton strong. However, most people eat too much sodium and too little calcium. Aim for two cups of milk or yogurt a day to meet your calcium needs.

SALT & CANCER

Approximately 25,000 Americans are diagnosed with stomach cancer each year. Avoiding excess salt may decrease your risk. Excess salt irritates the lining of the stomach. So, stomach cells reproduce more often and that alone can stimulate cancer. In addition, salt makes cancer-causing chemicals more potent.

WHAT TO DO

Limit your sodium to between 1,800 mg and 2,400 mg a day. The new labels will tell you how much sodium is in the foods you eat. Most sodium

SEE NANCY DELL - page 28...

Mass. Dental Society Releases Survey Done On Consumers

Although Massachusetts consumers report high levels of satisfaction with their dentists, more than two-thirds would walk away if they were dissatisfied or had a problem with the dentist, according to the findings of a statewide consumer survey commissioned by the Massachusetts Dental Society. In addition, two-thirds of respondents who have dental insurance say they would change dentists if their current dentist was no longer covered by their insurance.

Conducted during October and November 1993, the study used focus groups and telephone surveys to explore consumer attitudes, concerns, and issues, and use of dental services. The survey also examined primary target segments, a range of demographic information, and regional differences.

Additional findings of the MDS study include:

- Nearly 50 percent of respondents reported making treatment decisions based on insurance coverage.

- The cost of dental care is a sensitive issue. Respondents did not have objective measures of the cost/value of dental services.

- About 70 percent said they avoid the dentist because they fear pain or discomfort. They ranked cost second to fear as an inhibitor to seeking dental services.

- Half of all respondents were unfamiliar with many dental services and techniques, such as bonding, bleaching/whitening, veneers, and implants.

On the positive side:

- 85 percent of respondents reported favorable opinions of dentists; 97 percent said dentists are important to society; more than 80 percent said dentists are honest and ethical.

- 97 percent said they believe their dentist follows adequate safety standards. Infection control and safety in the dental office are not concerns of Massachusetts dental patients.

- More than 85 percent of respondents said they visit a dentist at least once a year.

For more information on the study, contact the Massachusetts Dental Society at (508) 651-7511.

The Massachusetts Dental Society, a 4,500-member statewide affiliate of the American Dental Association, provides dental health information to the public and sponsors dental access programs for the handicapped, senior citizens, and low-income people.

Baystate Medical Ctr. Chosen For Exposure On Miracle Network

Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital has been chosen for national television exposure during the Children's Miracle Network Telethon to be held June 4th-5th at the Springfield Marriott.

Broadcast live over WWLP-TV22, the Telethon will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday with a half hour of local presentations before joining the network at 9:00 p.m. The telethon will end early Sunday evening.

The Children's Hospital national hour of exposure will come on Sunday, when 6:00 to 7:00 a.m., the Baystate toteboard will be flashed around the country.

"This year's Telethon broadcast will be interrupted from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday by the French Open Tennis Tournament. TV22 has agreed to extend the Telethon one hour into the evening, ending around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., depending on whether there is a basketball game," noted Dave Lorenzatti, the Medical Center's Public Affairs and Telethon Director.

Lorenzatti noted that all of the money raised in Western Massachusetts goes directly to Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital and to its affiliate hospitals, Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield and Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, to support children's health programs and services.

For the eighth year, Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital has been selected as one of 160 hospitals in the United States and Canada to benefit from the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

Locally, the Telethon has raised \$2.3 million since 1987 funding over 150 projects, including the purchase of new equipment and financial support for new and ongoing children's medical programs.

Bill Pepin, the President and General Manager of WWLP-TV22 is serving as the 1993 Telethon chairman.

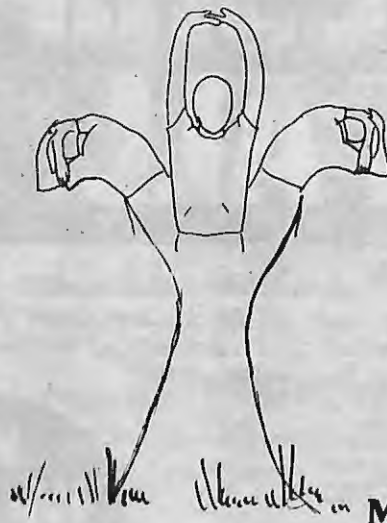
Hosting the Telethon will be news reporter and anchorwoman Lynn Barry, and sports director Rich Tettemer, both of TV22, and Lorenzatti.

National segments, co-hosted by entertainers Marie Osmond and John Schneider, will originate from Disneyland.

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I was letting procrastination eat me up alive. When that was happening, other people made the decisions that so much affected my life. I am in control now, and even if things do not work out "perfectly," at least I am the one who has started to make the decisions. I feel healthier mentally as well as physically.

Your words of wisdom over the years in this column have helped greatly!

Thanks,
A.V.
Agawam

Comment: Applause, applause, applause! You deserve it! Taking control, by making what I call "active decisions," is vital to your future.

Control the controllable! Sounds like such common sense, but I have learned that NOTHING IS SO UNCOMMON AS COMMON SENSE! Do you think about things working out 100 percent? (Is there any such thing?) Just make decisions based on the information at hand and a trusting of your intuition in many cases.

I like what my good friend, Ty Boyd, said. He stated, "There ain't no genie. I am it. If the wealth and adventure and fame are to come, I'd better get tough on the only one who can make it happen ... me!"

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If thrown away individually or unsecured, they can pose a serious threat to individuals and the environment.

Skin Cancer Screening Planned For June 11th At Baystate Medical

Baystate Medical Center will host a free Skin Cancer Screening Clinic in conjunction with dermatologists from the Springfield area on Saturday, June 11th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The clinic will be held at the Wesson Memorial Building at 140 High Street. There will be free parking.

To schedule an appointment, call The Professionals at 784-2255 or 1-800-377-HEALTH.

The clinic is intended to screen new growths, less than a year old, or old growths that have changed in color, size, shape, pain level, irritation, or bleeding.

The clinic is not intended for skin rashes or for those who have seen a dermatologist in the past year.

Best local news...

Chronic Dizziness To Be Discussed At Mercy Hospital

People who suffer from chronic problems of dizziness often cannot participate in normal activities; have trouble concentrating, reading or writing; and can even become forgetful.

This constant or intermittent vertigo can begin a vicious cycle of falls that can result in fractured hips, broken bones, and further debilitation.

The Vestibular Disorders Association estimates that 25 percent of all Americans will suffer balance problems at some point in their lives; among people with hearing loss, the frequency is even higher because of the proximity of the delicate hearing and balance organs in the inner ear.

To assist these people, the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital has begun a Vestibular Disorders Support Group, which meets the last Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

Public exposure of these disorders—and the help available—can change the lives of those who suffer the nightmare, about which, until recently, little has been known.

NANCY DELL - from Page 27...

comes from highly processed foods like frozen dinners, snacks, and instant, prepackaged side dishes (boxed scalloped potatoes, rice pilaf).

That doesn't mean you can never eat these foods. If you eat a high sodium food at breakfast, balance it out by eating low sodium foods the rest of the day.

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Spotlight On Business



AVA SCHOFIELD, professional actress, model, and singer, and Tom Locke, a professional actor, will each serve as master of ceremonies for the upcoming Agawam's "America's Hometown Princess Pageant, Talent, & Scholar Contest," to be held June 23rd at Chez Josef. The director of the pageant is Nancy DeCosmo Locke.

Charles Alvanos Of Feeding Hills Named IDS Western Mass. "Planner of the Year"

Charles Alvanos, Certified Financial Planner with IDS Financial Services, Inc., the nationwide financial planning and services company, has recently been named Western Mass. Division "Planner of the Year" and an IDS Master Planner.

To be awarded this designation, Alvanos established himself in the top echelon of IDS' field force and exceeded stringent financial planning and client service requirements. Only a select number of IDS planners are awarded this distinction each year.

Alvanos works at the Western Massachusetts Division Office located at Whitney Place, 14 Bobala Road, in Holyoke.

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Princess Pageant Slated In Agawam At Chez Josef

Agawam's "America's Hometown Princess Pageant, Talent and Scholar Contest" will take place on June 23rd at the beautiful Chez Josef. America's Hometown Princess will host the event in Agawam as it has been the cornerstone for many years for Director Nancy DeCosmo Locke.

Mrs. Locke, a graduate of Western New England College, has worked with children in the community for over 20 years. Mrs. Locke indicated that she hopes this will be an enriching and positive experience for all contestants.

Mrs. Locke, who in the past has hosted "Our Little Miss Agawam Park and Recreation" state, regional, and national events, always emphasizes the importance of nurturing a child's self-esteem and confidence. With this in mind, awards will include the top ten in all individual events as well as a participation award for each contestant. A professional staff of judges not affiliated with any contestant will do the selection of all winners.

Mrs. Locke hopes that this will offer an outlet for "hometown talent." The philosophy of the contest is that America's Hometown Princess is around every corner. She is today's young girl and tomorrow's contemporary young woman. America's Hometown Princess might be an athlete, dancer, artist, scholar, model, or simply you. Most importantly, she is someone special with the ability to convey that special something to others.

There are four separate events: Pageant, Talent, Photogenic, and Scholastic. There is also a Group Talent Contest. All talent events are open to anyone, whereas the individual events for the Agawam preliminary are restricted to Agawam residents. The Western Mass. preliminary is open to all others.

Mrs. Locke feels that this is a contest where everyone can add something and be someone special. You may enter only one event or all four. Maybe you have a great voice, dance to the latest beat, run down the playing field, or play in a school band. Whoever you are, "America's Hometown Princess Pageant, Talent, and Scholar Contest" has a place for you.

Entries are available by calling (413) 789-6711. Entry fees are reasonable in order to make this event accessible to all members of the local community. The event is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Rack N Cue Opens Gift, Specialty Shop At New Location

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The popular Rack N Cue shop on Walnut Street, Agawam, well known for its billiards room, bowling alleys, pro and cue stick repair shops, closed on March 31st. The business, now specializing only in cue stick repairs and a gift and pro shop, has relocated at 80 Ramah Circle, off Walnut Street.

It is occupying an attractive colonial-style building, rust colored, with a small porch and brown shutters. It is operating under the same name, Rack N Cue - Billiards Enterprises.

Bob Tetreault, owner and manager, has been joined in the business by his wife, Diane.

The new shop is tastefully decorated in a pleasant, informal style. Upon entering, one is in the gift and pro shop. A billiards table is in the center of the room with a rack filled with colorful balls on top. In a horseshoe showcase is a selection of pool related items that would make useful and interesting gifts for any billiards enthusiast.

Framed pictures on the walls are of famous billiards champions whom Bob has met over the years. Among them are Berbeck Crane, Jean Balukas (the Princess), Jim Rempke (King James), Irving Crane (the Deacon), Luther Lassiter, William Mascon, Joe Balsis (the Meat Man), and Jim Carris (the Golden Greek).

Concentrating On Sales And Service

Concentrating now on retail sales and service, Bob announced that he has been named sole distributor for Orchid, U.S.A. Custom Cues for New England.

"I am very excited about this franchise," Bob said recently. "It is a tremendous opportunity for me." He almost gets ecstatic in describing the beauty and quality of these cue sticks. "The market for cues of this quality, at prices they are selling for, is just right for this economy," he declared.

A New England Premier Showing of the product will be presented by Bob and Diane from noon to



BOB & DIANE TETREAULT are the owners and operators of Rack N Cue, now located at 80 Ramah Circle, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

6:00 p.m., June 12th at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Framingham. Their son, Matthew, will assist. Matt just competed in a five-day billiards tournament in Las Vegas. Billiard enthusiasts from the six New England states are invited to the showing. Orchid U.S.A. flyers announcing the event are being distributed.

Packets of information on Orchid cues and how to order and process the orders are going out to 165 owners of billiard rooms and retailers, Tetreault said.

The new repair shop for custom-made cues

(and repairing damaged ones) is at least three times the size of the former work area at the rear of the billiards room on Walnut Street (where Bob founded and developed this part of the business). He started making repairs years ago as the need arose as customers damaged cues and asked for repairs.

The shop grew and expanded, and Bob (self-taught) became a master craftsman. Last summer, he took his business to a national convention and went nationwide.

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RACK N CUE is now located at 80 Ramah Circle, Agawam (off Walnut Street Extension). The business now specializes in cue stick repairs and a gift and pro shop. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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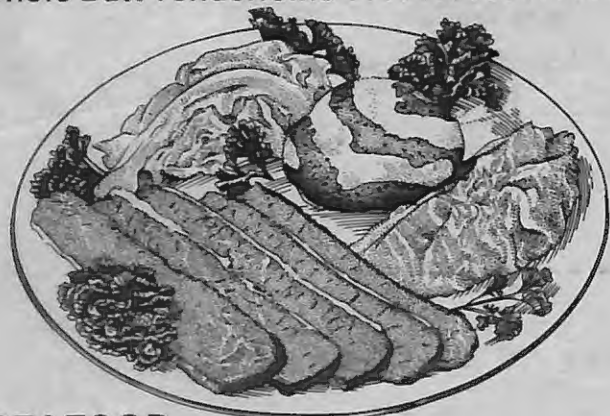


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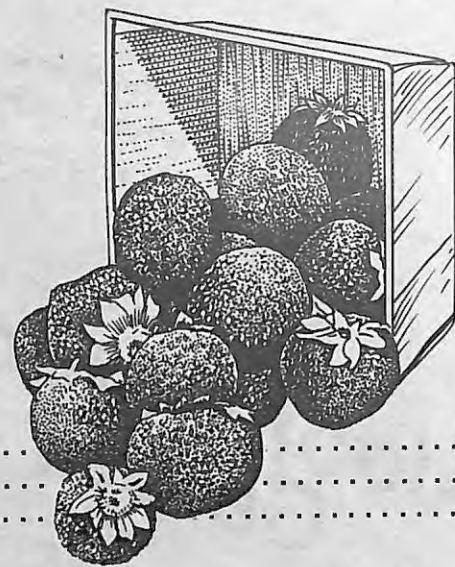
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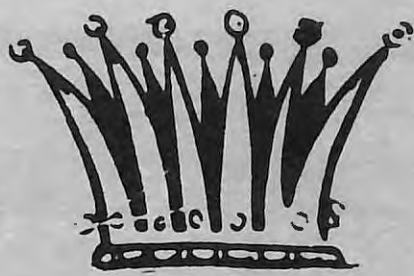
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Century 21

by
John Schuler
realtorNewschu Real Estate, Inc.
20 Southwick Street, Feeding HillsFHA And VA Loans
Help First-Time Buyers

According to data compiled by researchers at CENTURY 21 Real Estate Corp., mortgage interest rates are still at their lowest levels in years and in many parts of the country, home prices are more attractive than they've been in decades. Not surprisingly, thousands of Americans who never before owned a home are seeing the situation as a remarkable opportunity to buy a home.

The data showed that the percentage of first-time home buyers was at the highest level of 1993 since the mid-1980's. In the New England area, 43 percent of home buyers were first-timers.

In such a climate, new buyers who can't come up with a down payment risk missing out on the American dream, "buying a home." In some cases, the buyer has more than enough income to cover a monthly mortgage payment, but has been unable to save a substantial amount of funds for a down payment required by most lenders.

There are alternative lending programs that have been around for years which can help first-time buyers find a mortgage that fits within their budget and with very little down payment.

Two government agencies, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Veterans Administration (VA), can reduce the hefty size of the first down payment from as much as 20 percent to as low as zero percent. The agencies themselves are not lenders, but guarantee the mortgage loan in the event of foreclosure.

FHA loans are available to all families, regardless of income level or community they elect to reside in. They require a down payment of as little as two percent with terms of 15-year or 30-year mortgages.

When searching for a lending institution, look for one that is directly endorsed by the FHA. Direct endorsement will quicken the processing and help avoid slow approval. Applications are available at any number of local lending institutions.

VA loans carry all the same benefits and payment structures as a conventional home loan. They're only available, however, to individuals who were honorably discharged from military services after two or more years of active duty or have been on active duty for at least 90 days. The VA establishes the interest rate (usually close to market rates) and may require a small down payment.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117]).

Stearns & Yerrall
Names Director Of
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George R. Yerrall, IV, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, announces that Gurdon W. Hornor, Director of New Home Sales for the firm, has been elected to membership in the Realtors Land Institute (RLI).

Realtor Hornor joins more than 1,400 other RLI members throughout North America who specialize in selling, buying, managing, appraising, and developing land for others. Mr. Hornor is active in marketing and selling land for residential development in Western Massachusetts.

The Institute helps each member to be of maximum service to a prospective purchaser or seller of land offering educational courses designed to broaden the member's knowledge of real estate and land.

The Institute also has an aggressive marketing program allowing members to market properties on a regional, national, and international basis, as well as within their own communities.

Best local news...



THE FORMER RACK N' CUE was located on Walnut Street Extension, next to the Agawam Bowl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

RACK N' CUE - from Page 30...

A Family Business

Always a family business, the Rack N Cue was founded by Bob and his mother, the late Marie Tetreault, in 1963 at 325 Walnut Street. In 1966, they moved to larger quarters at 359-363 Walnut Street. Bob's sister, Lillian Casiello, joined the business and managed finances until her death about six months ago.

The bowling alleys were sold to Ron DeGray of West Springfield and are being managed by Frank

Montagna. The billiards room and repair shop closed April 16th. The building on Walnut Street is to be sold, Bob said. He and Diane worked together on the moving and decorating of the new place. Diane will handle the books, and Bob handles the repair shop business. They will both be available for the pro and gift shop.

The Rack N Cue is operating on summer hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fall/winter hours will be announced before September.

Work Opportunity Center Schedules Annual
Employer Appreciation Breakfast

Work Opportunity Center, Inc. Supported Employment Program, provider of vocational services for individuals with developmental disabilities, has scheduled an Employer Appreciation Breakfast at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam on June 1st at 7:30 a.m.

Six area businesses will be receiving an award for their commitment to hire developmentally disabled individuals. In addition, four individuals served by the Supported Employment Program will be receiving special achievement awards for being employed for over two years.

Guests will arrive at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:45 and the keynote address by Philip

Campbell, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, and award ceremony will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m.

The Supported Employment Program is funded by the Department of Mental Retardation. Under the program, full or part-time employment is secured for each individual in an area business. The program provides training and support services for each individual hired and consultative services to the business to facilitate the transition and social integration of their new employee.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

CONSTANCE HENNING

Ag. Country Estates Names Administrator For New Facility

Constance Henning of Wilbraham has been newly appointed to the position of Administrator of Country Estates of Agawam.

Connie comes to the facility with a diverse background in long-term care. She is licensed in Massachusetts and Connecticut as an administrator and as a registered nurse.

Connie has been in long-term care for 15 years and has worked both as an administrator and regional nurse for a long-term care corporation.

She received her nursing education through Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield and furthered her studies to receive her bachelor of science degree at American International College, both in Springfield.

Connie has been a lifetime resident of Western Massachusetts.

Country Estates of Agawam, opening in July of this year, is a 164-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitative center, with a focus on short-term rehab.

Located at 1200 Suffield St. in Agawam, it has easy access to Routes 57, 90, and 91.



PAM SAVIOLI

Pam Savioli Joins Landry, Lyons, Whyte

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Pam is a member of the Junior Women's Club of Agawam and resides with her family in Feeding Hills.

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WORK CENTER - from Page 34...**Awards List**

Quality Employment Award—(Given to a business who has hired a developmentally disabled individual and that individual has become a regular employee of that institution): Agri-Mark, Inc.; Big Y-Agawam; Chez Josef; Costco Warehouse; E.S. Sports; Gramacy Apartments; McDonald's Restaurant-Westfield.

Natural Supports Award—(Given to individuals for promoting social integration and supports at the work place and in the community for developmentally disabled individuals): Mary Lou Gray (Costco Warehouse); Penny McDowell (Costco Warehouse).

Outstanding Achievement Award—(Given to developmentally disabled individuals who are currently employed by an area business for two years): Alonzo Algers; Dean Beaudry; Anna Filip; Sylvia Florence.

Guest List

Work Opportunity Center, Inc.: Robert F.L. MacDonald, Executive Director; Richard Wright, Employment Specialist Manager; Al Zaskey, Director of Client Services; Bruce Batchelder, Employment Specialist; Maria Carrion, Employment Specialist; Sandy Michaelian, Employment Specialist; Lisa Savitt, Employment Specialist.

Consumers: Alonzo Algers; Ralph Miller; Dean Beaudry; Mrs. Beaudry; Anna Filip; Mrs. Phillips; Sylvia Florence; Mrs. Florence.

Department of Mental Retardation: Steve Bradley, Regional Director; Charlotte Lawrence, Program Coordinator; William Zimmer, Area Director.

Agawam Businesses include Big Y (Lee McKay, Store Manager, Patty Pittsley, Front End Manager); Chez Josef (Allan Skole, President/Owner, Charlene Ouimet, Prep Kitchen Supervisor, Robert Levesque, Assistant Chef); Gramacy Apartments (John VanAmsterdam, Owner; Jean Moore, Administrative Assistant); McDonald's (Dan Ashburne, Store Manager); Standard Uniform (Phil Johnson, Plant Manager).

Elected Officials: Valerie Barsom, State Rep/Wilbraham; Paul Caron, State Rep/Springfield; Evelyn Chesky, State Rep/Holyoke; Walter DeFilippi, State Rep/West Springfield; Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor of Agawam; Michael Knapik, State Rep/Westfield; Brian Lees, State Senator/East Longmeadow; Linda Melconian, State Senator/Agawam; Kenneth Plumley, Governor's Representative in Western MA; Mike Walsh, State Rep/Agawam; William Weld, Governor of Massachusetts.

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This Week AT THE MOVIES...

Maverick Is A So-So Start To Summer

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Maverick

With the best of intentions (in movie minds, that means making big bucks), Warner Brothers and director Richard Donner put together a movie version of James Garner's TV megahit *Maverick*. They should have left well enough alone.

James is back, albeit not as the title character; that role is left to a wise-cracking, smirking Mel Gibson who's just too pat, too fast with the gun, and too, too cute for words. Saccharine should be so sweet.

Maverick is on his way to a high stakes poker game that calls for \$25,000 up front and a half-million-dollar pot for the winner. But on his way to the game, he's bamboozled by a blonde saloon girl (Jodie Foster) who's got more tricks up her garter than a dance hall girl has a right too—and fleeing Maverick of money, the gold watch, and everything is just what she has in mind. It's a battle of wits, wiles, and wisecracks that seems somehow out of place in this old west.

While Gibson search for suckers he can bilk for the last \$3,000 he needs to enter the game, Foster's bilking him. Meanwhile, he's managed to alienate a dastardly gambler (Alfred Molina).

Enter Garner, as the gentlemanly fellow passenger on a hair-raising stage coach ride toward the Mississippi who woos Foster and plays Gibson for everything he's worth (by the way, Gibson is no match for the real thing).

Gibson escapes hanging and death by rattlesnake; he hangs off the edge of cliff (after being dragged there under a runaway stage); and he stages a standoff with hostile Indians in the best scenes in the movie (thanks to a tongue-in-cheek

performance by Graham Greene).

The film is replete with misnomers (Foster keeps calling Maverick "Bert" instead of "Bart") and childish jokes. The special effects—especially in the opening scene where Maverick is whizzing his guns around—are painfully bad.

The banter, which seems bawdy and slightly funny at first, quickly wears thin and wears out. The characters move with calculated manipulation, as if director Donner was tabulating millions one laugh at a time.

Garner's self-preserving original was just as much as coward as Gibson is here, but Garner made it work better.

The punchline at film's end is one of the few payoffs of the film; the others are brief roles by the aforementioned Greene and the likes of James Coburn, Doug McClure, and country vocalist Clint Black.

Maverick is the unofficial start of the summer movie season, which hits high gear this weekend with the release of the live-action movie version of a TV hit from pre-history, *The Flintstones*, which pulls John Goodman off of TV and onto the big screen as a hearty Fred to Rick Moranis' Barney; Bedrock may never be the same again.

Movies to watch for in the coming months include the nebulous *The Shadow*, which began as an audio character in the radio days of the 30s and 40s. Then there's Michelle Pfeiffer playing to Jack Nicholson's *Wolf*, and the animated Disney feature *The Lion King*, which is in a position to give the modern classic *Beauty and the Beast* a run for its money.



Pisano's Picks...

ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Monster Mash!

Hollywood's most reliable (and historically most profitable) movie plots have dealt with horrifying monsters terrorizing the innocent. Below are a couple of monster films worth noting.

* *Bram Stoker's Dracula*

Director: Francis Ford Coppola. 1992. Rated R. 2 hours and 10 minutes. Starring: Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder, Anthony Hopkins, and Keanu Reeves.

The classic horror character of Count Dracula is brought to life in a fascinating yet disturbing manner in the extremely gothic *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

The film boasts absolutely mind-blowing costume design as well as some milestone makeup artistry. The creative twining of the horror genre and the love story works well in this film.

As one would expect from such a film, there are a few choice scenes of gore that are not suitable for all viewers. These scenes are quite disturbing for they exploit the main purpose of the horror genre to the fullest. Fear, disgust, and near trauma are birthed during the key points of the film, making this movie not high on the class or tact list, but certainly high in production value.

There is no debating the gifted talent present in *Bram Stoker's Dracula*. Winona Ryder is superb as Dracula's love. Perfect direction, a dazzling set-

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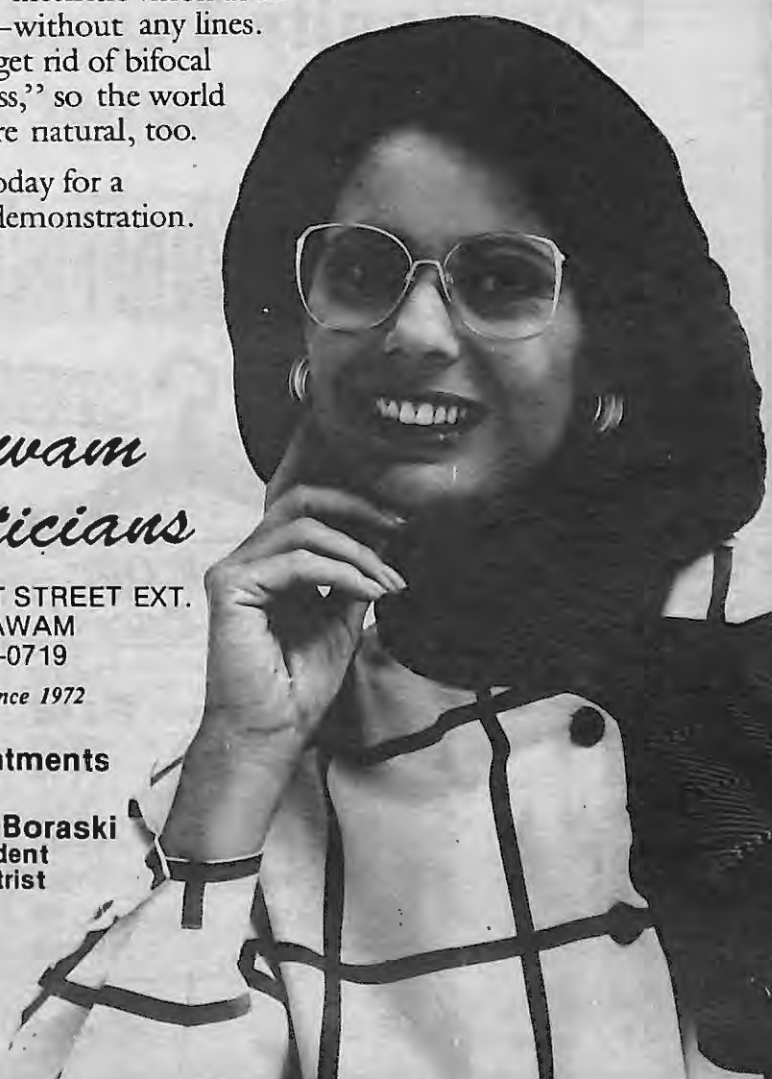
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STAGE Gears Up For Sixth Season Of Summertime Youth-Oriented Productions

It's summer camp time again and STAGE is entering its sixth season of producing exciting quality theatre by and for young people. STAGE campers participate in all aspects of the production, from publicity, set-building, and costume construction to auditioning and rehearsing their performance roles.

STAGE is unique in that each camp culminates in four public performances of a fully staged play, complete with professional lighting, sound, costumes, and special effects.

STAGE camp is operated by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, who hold degrees in theatre, music, and education. Both have won many awards for their work in community theatre as directors, actors, and costume/set designers and are best known for their concert programs as Kit and Kaboodle.

This versatile duo operate their highly successful drama camps out of The Red Door Theatre voted "Best In The Valley" in the 1993 *Advocate* Reader's Poll. The theatre is located at 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA, beside the Valley Community Church.

Pearsons reports that registration has already begun based on returns from their 500-plus mailing list of former campers and patrons of their year long children's theatre offerings.

"We had almost 100 responses the first day and had to close our STAGE 2 camp, 'Cinderella,' as it reached the 40 enrollment limit. The other camps are already past the half-way point after the second day of application acceptance," he said.

"We're very heartened at the response to our initial mailing," said Secora of Southwick. "It not only speaks well of our program, but also to the need and enthusiasm for art, music, and drama in our children's lives."

STAGE Summer Drama Camp series begins with "My World," June 27th-July 1st, for children ages five through 10. It is a one-week introductory program which includes music, dance, acting, and pantomime designed to ease them into the world of public performance. The week culminates in a presentation for parents and friends, which will include the playlet "Oh, My Deer!" Some area school snow days have hindered participation in this camp though Suffield and Feeding Hills are not affected. The camp runs 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee is \$110.

STAGE 2 is "Cinderella," adapted by Margie Secora for young people ages seven through 15. Margie has intertwined four versions of the classic tale as told in Russian, Chinese, and by

the North American Micmac Tribe.

Though this camp is full, audiences will not want to miss this multi-cultural retelling of this world-loved fairytale. Performances are July 15th, 7:30 p.m.; July 16th, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and July 17th, 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.

STAGE 3 brings the return engagement of its original production, "The Quest For Aladdin's Lamp," written by Lyle Pearsons. Open to young people ages seven through 15, "The Quest" begins where Aladdin leaves off.

In ancient China, two children are born—a son to royalty and a daughter to poverty. When the ghost of Aladdin returns to warn his wife and newborn son that the evil magician, Mabrubrek, seeks revenge for the loss of the magic lamp, the children's lives are suddenly intertwined.

Exchanged in infancy, the children grow, meet by chance, and search together for the lost lamp. Aided by the Genie of the Magic Ring, their quest takes them through the deserts of Arabia to the coast of Africa and to the very liar of Mabrubrek and his evil hoard of living dead! This camp has a few openings left for its operation, July 26th-August 5th. Performances are August 5th, 6th, and 7th. Fee is \$175.

The final camp, STAGE 4, is another original play by Pearsons, "All The World's A Stage - No Girls Alloweth." In the tradition of "The Peach Boy" and last year's "Sword and The Crystal," this camp for 10 through 15 year-olds brings history and tradition to life.

Inspired by the research he has done on the life and writings of Shakespeare, Pearsons has created an original story that will catapult you to the plague-ridden streets of London and the crowded galleries of the Elizabethan stage. When Beth is invited to her first play, a whole new world is opened and closed to her at the same time.

She wants to be an actress, but England does not allow women on the stage. Beset with persecution and rejection, it is only by a chance meeting with Shakespeare and the Queen herself that helps Beth change the course of theatre history.

STAGE 4 runs August 16th-26th, with performances August 26th, 27th, and 28th. The fee for camp is \$175. All tickets are \$4.

Anyone interested in receiving an application, please call (413) 789-2026 and leave your name, number, and address. Ticket reservations may also be made by calling the same Red Door Answering Service number.

"Dangerous" Comedy Coming To Westfield

For most actors, walking and talking at the same time is easy. But when you're wearing a costume that weighs almost 30 pounds, things get a bit more difficult, according to director Bob Lavolette of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

The opulent costumes featured in the film adaptation ("Dangerous Liaisons") have been faithfully reproduced by costumer Marianne Scognamiglio.

Director Lavolette points out that the billowing silk dresses worn by the Marquise de Merteuil (Lopsy) and others in the cast are held up by heavy pads underneath, called *panniers*. Movements as simple as sitting on a sofa become elaborate efforts requiring rehearsal and repetition.

"The wealthy women of pre-Revolution France were quite talented in their own right, just managing those dresses. In warm weather, it was plenty hot and uncomfortable for them," added Lavolette.

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses" will be performed at the Westfield Women's Club theater in Westfield Center on June 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for all performances. For ticket information, call 572-6838.



THE UNSCRUPULOUS Vicomte de Valmont (Tim O'Brien) weaves his seductive magic on the innocent Cecile Volanges (Jackie Buzzee) in a scene from "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

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ting composed of state-of-the-art makeup, and quality acting make this horrorfest simultaneously stunning and shocking.

Be warned, however; this film would horrify even Bela Lugosi!! Anyone have a wooden stake?! **3½ STARS.** (18 years and up.)

* They Live

Director: John Carpenter. 1988. Rated R. 1 hour and 35 minutes. Starring: Roddy Piper, Keith David, and Meg Foster.

Remember this one, folks? The movie where you had to watch characters being hypnotized by alien-originated television signals? Even this ludicrous film is considered a monster movie.

How John Carpenter could go from horrifying millions with the "Boogeyman" in *Halloween* to this nonsense is baffling. This film never amounted to much at the box office (coincidentally, it was released at the same time as *Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers*, which was extremely successful) and probably won't amount to much more than two hours of fun that's easily forgotten as far as home viewing is concerned.

The film is not a total sham, however. It is well made from a production technique point of view. Acceptable editing and photography save this film from the threshold of being a mishap.

Professional wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper tries to show you that he's capable of more than dropkicks and strangleholds in a Scottish kilt by trying his hand at acting. Needless to say, he lost this match in the first round.

The film is worth checking out, especially if you're a sci-fi fan. *They Live* is fun, but in a completely different way than initially intended by Carpenter. (It would be like recruiting Adam West to play Batman in the next theatrical film; it would be great entertainment, but not in the fashion intended.) The slow-moving finale to the film drags a bit, causing a near boredom aura.

In a nutshell, you'll be watching a good portion of *They Live* hoping and waiting for the scene when "they die"! **1 STAR.** (16 years and up.)

* Silver Bullet

Director: Daniel Attias. 1985. Rated R. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Starring: Gary Busey, Everett McGill, Corey Haim, Megan Fellows, James Gammon, and Robin Groves.

I have been quoted as saying that Stephen King films, with the exception of such greats as *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *Misery*, are merely borderline average to poor.

Then, one night, I came across this werewolf film that instantly pulled me in. Other than a lot of exaggerated gore, this film is a winner. It's scary and suspenseful from the opening scene to the climactic close.

The classic narrative ingredients, such as the protagonists (Gary Busey and Corey Haim) and the antagonist (the horrifying werewolf beast) involved in a life-and-death conflict, make *Silver Bullet* a smooth-flowing film. The attack scenes are dispersed with perfect synchrony throughout the film in a similar fashion used by Steven Spielberg in *Jaws* a decade before.

This is, by no means, the best King thriller, but certainly rates higher than *Pet Sematary* and *Cujo*-type films; maybe not in popularity (for this film has long since been forgotten), but it is definitely superior to the aforementioned film in moviemaking quality.

Silver Bullet moves as slyly as its namesake and has an impact that's just as immense. Wait until you learn who the werewolf really is! **2½ STARS.** (18 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for topics that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou Pisano in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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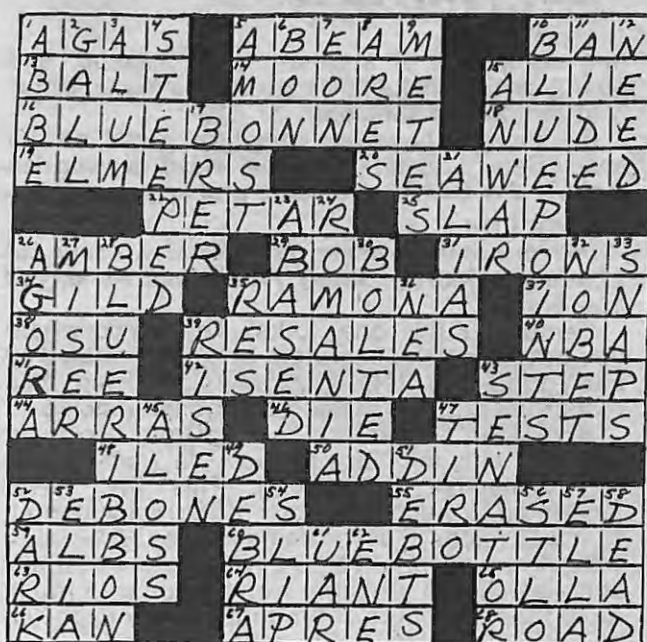
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Agawam Poetry...

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

In Glory And Honor

Over hill and dale, throughout this great nation,
Every borough and town is in festive celebration;
For the sailor and soldier, who gave his life,
Fighting perilous wars of infernal strife;

Our hearts are saddened, when we remember the day,
We knelt by the grave, and did tearfully, pray;
The place in our heart, where our hero once dwelt,
Is void of his presence, great sorrow is felt;

The chimes in the chapel, are reverently ringing,
And all the town's people, are fervently singing;
The cathedral bells in the city are pealing,
Echoing, with honor, the love they are feeling;

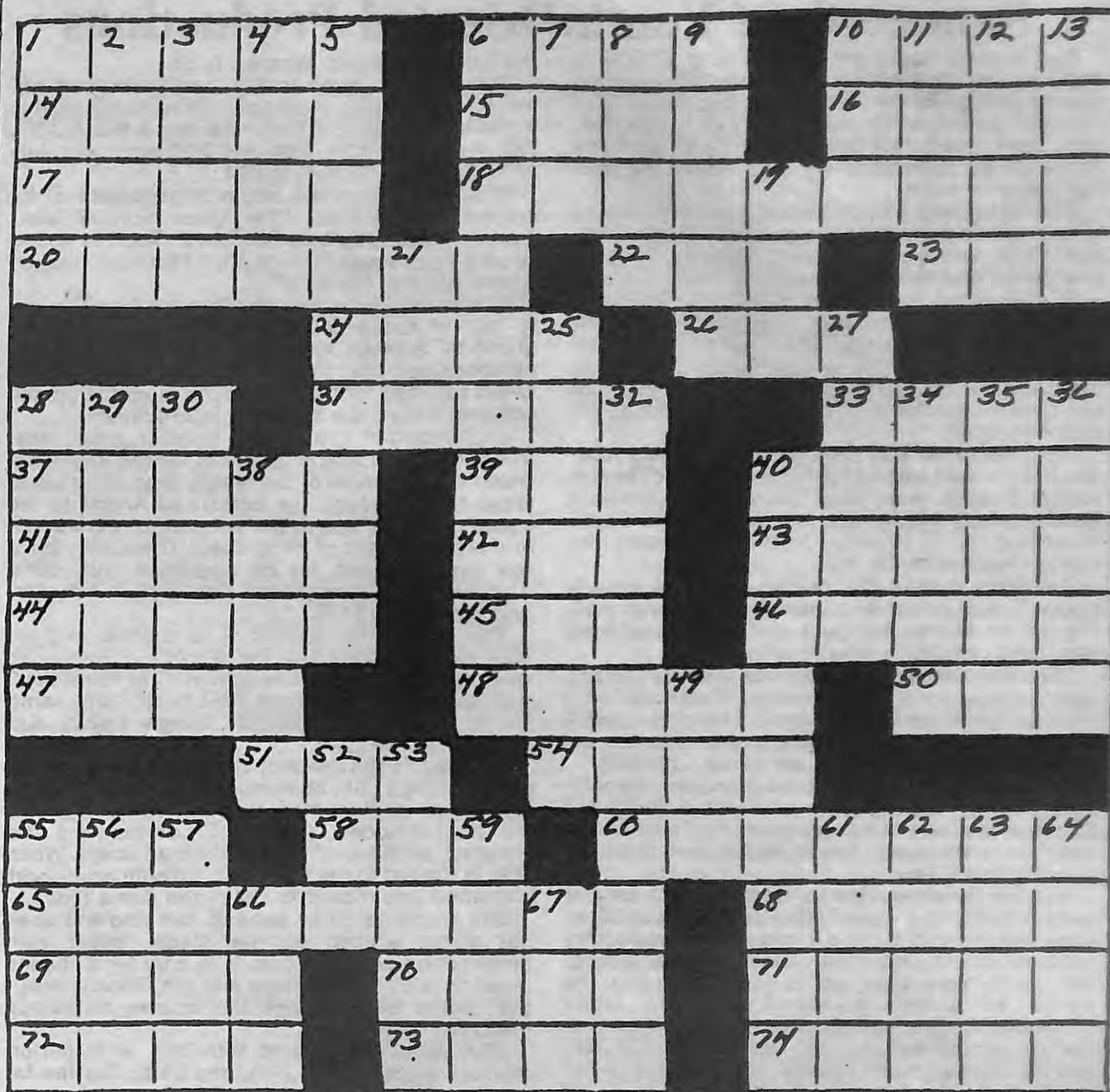
We honor our heroes and revere their names,
Etched on our hearts, so their memory remains;
Our flag reigns high, over all the land,
And parades, in their glory, and marching band;

Pay tribute to these deeds of valor and strength,
That for love of our country, went to great length;
They gave their lives, so we might survive,
And for all eternity, we must keep them alive;

Deep in our hearts, treasured and revered,
And throughout all centuries, fondly endeared;
So wave the flags high, and strike up the band,
Let joyful elation envelop the land;

There's nothing too grand, that we can display,
With homage and reverence on Memorial Day.

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Agawam Community Artists Plan To Meet June 1st At Agawam High School

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their next monthly meeting, on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam High School, Room 42, Cooper Street, Agawam.
DeBorah Allen will give a demonstration on

twig painting.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Agawam Community Artists is welcome to attend this meeting.

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Encore Players Ready "Boys Next Door"

The Encore Players will present Tom Griffin's *The Boys Next Door* at the Lower Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (next to Serv-U) on June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., except for June 5th and 12th, when it will be at 2:00 p.m.

This off-Broadway comedy is directed by award-winning actor/director/playwright Dick Volker and features Steve Henderson, John McKemie, Bob Lawson, John Dion, and Doug Major. Others in the cast are Kathy Renaud, Joel Schnur, and Daphne Calkins.

There are moments in *The Boys Next Door* that are both poignant and funny as we share in the lives of four mentally handicapped men who attempt to achieve some meaning and purpose in their originally dysfunctional lives, and their social worker who struggles with his desire to stay attached to his clients, yet knowing "burn out" is forcing him to make a change in his career.

Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the Golden Peacock (White Street, Springfield), UBU Beauty Salon in Agawam, and at the door on the dates of performance.

For further information, call 533-6720.

Poems For Memorial Day

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Memoirs Of Memorial Day

*The bells in the chapel are tolling today,
Not in lament, but a praise-worthy way;
They remembered with sadness, the most hurtful part,
How war took a piece of their innermost heart;*

*Our dearest loved ones, were lost in this strife,
To maintain our freedom, they bargained their life;
Our faithful flag never left their side,
Throughout all adversities, did faithfully abide;*

*The flag kept them warm, at their last sad farewell,
As the gun's proud salute, had their praises to tell;
This is the day, since the beginning of time,
All over the land, every church bell didst chime;*

*For every hero of every battle throughout all the ages,
Etched on our hearts, and life's epical pages;
This very special day, we'll esteem and revere,
And deep in our hearts, our heroes endear;*

*With the flag embracing the sky in all its glory,
Memorial Day recalls America's proud story;
With joy intermingled with tears of great sorrow,
We kneel by the grave, praying for peace for the morrow.*

In Remembrance Of Memorial Day

*The flag stands faithfully by the soldier's grave,
In happier days, it would proudly wave;
But today, the flag feels sadness with pride,
As it loyally keeps vigil, by the soldier's side;*

*It remembers when it joyfully caressed the sky,
When the soldier was valiantly marching by;
It followed him to war on land and sea,
And will abide throughout all eternity;*

*But today, by the little marker, it stands,
And knows the soldier is in his Savior's hands;
I too will kneel by the grave and pray,
And give praise and love to the soldier today;*

*It's a little faded, with the passing of time,
But its stars will never lose their shine;
The flag was the soldier's constant friend,
And enlightened his soul 'til the journey's end;*

*When spirits were low, "The Red, White, and Blue,
With valor and pride, brought the soldier through.
But today the flag stands straight and tall,
For Memorial Day brings such sad recall.*

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The Springfield Symphony will present a popular musical salute to America in celebration of Memorial Day on Sunday, May 29th, on the grounds of Westfield State College. The community patriotic event will feature Guest Conductor Ronald Feldman, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Pops. Proceeds will benefit the Westfield Boys and Girls Club. The performance will be the Symphony's only appearance in Westfield this summer.

According to Springfield Symphony Executive Director Susan Davison, the holiday musical gala will provide an afternoon of music that the entire family will enjoy. "An American Salute will be an appropriate kick-off to summer, complete with tent seating, picnicking on the spacious lawns, hot dogs, balloons for the kids, and a beer and

wine garden," said Davison.

The late-afternoon SSO concert is the second part of a two-performance program and will be staged rain or shine under the large graduation tent on the college grounds.

The box office will open at 1:30 p.m. The music begins at 2:30 p.m. with the Don Bastarache Dixieland/Jazz Band, and concludes at 6:00 p.m. after a two-hour musical tribute to American composers by the SSO.

Ticket prices are: adults, \$12; seniors, \$9; students, ages three to 18, \$6; and children under three years of age are free.

Tickets for *An American Salute* are now on sale at the Springfield Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place (behind Johnson's) in Springfield from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information or charge by phone, call (413) 733-2291.

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Education

Honor Society At AHS Again Has Banner Year

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When they don their gold sashes and place the gold tassels on their mortarboards for commencement, National Honor Society graduating seniors will be reaping the rewards not only for academic excellence, but for their outstanding contributions to the extracurricular activities at Agawam High School and their commitment to community service as well.

The 63 members of the AHS chapter of the NHS along with their advisors, English teacher Larry O'Brien and history teacher Lynn Litchfield, were recently honored as the state's outstanding NHS chapter for their community service in support of the Agawam Lions Club.

Each year, the AHS National Honor Society scholars volunteer their time helping out at the Lions Club's Restaurant at the Eastern State's Exposition in September. With the assistance of the NHS students, the Lions Club Restaurant raises the funds that enable it to make the largest donation to eye research of any Lions Club in the state.

Pitching in to help with serving the Lions Club chicken dinner, bussing tables and taking out the trash, about the only thing the students don't do is help with the cooking.

Most Satisfying Work

The students agreed that helping out the Lions Club is the most satisfying work that the NHS chapter does each year. Member **Mary-Lynn Scortino** said the project was the "best thing that we did."

Member **Matt Bellico** noted that while many clubs and organizations run fundraisers to benefit their own membership, the NHS members worked hard to "help another group benefit someone else."

Member **Karen Eaton** echoed her peers' sentiments, adding, "It teaches us the value of hard work."

While the students each receive a free admission ticket to the fair, most are too exhausted after completing their shift at the restaurant to take advantage of the fair's attractions. Most are just happy to head for home and a much deserved rest.

According to Mrs. Litchfield, the students are instrumental in the success of the Lions Club's major fundraiser in support of eye research. "The Lions have come to really rely on the kids."

Besides lending a hand to the Lions Club, the NHS has had a busy year working for several community service organizations.

During the winter holiday season, NHS students canvassed AHS classrooms gathering donations for the Salvation Army's Toys For Joy campaign.

The American Heart Association (AHA) also received a helping hand from the NHS students during its Annual Phone-A-Thon. Using space and telephones donated by the Southworth Company, NHS students contacted Agawam residents and raised \$2,200 to support the Heart Association's efforts to combat heart disease.

Each year, the AHA enlists the aid of the NHS students because they are one of the most



AGAWAM HIGH National Honor Society officers **Kathryn Poulos** (treasurer), **Nicole DeCosmo** (secretary), and **Rose Pignatare** (president) had another busy year of community service. This year's advisors were once again faculty members **Larry O'Brien** and **Lynn Litchfield**.

organized groups they work with, Mrs. Litchfield said.

NHS members volunteered to help with this year's Lucky Duck Race in support of the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center. More than 30 members of the NHS volunteered to assist in the festivities at Springfield's Riverfront Park during the running of the race on May 14th.

NHS members helped organize games and facepainting for the children, while Karen Eaton, Mary-Lynn Scortino, and **Mike Dutton** took their turns at entertaining the children as they donned the Lucky Duck costume.

Assist With Events At AHS

Besides working on community service projects, the NHS membership was active in assisting with events at AHS during the year. The group served coffee during Parent's Night in September and served as guides and mentors to incoming freshmen on their first day of school.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of NHS students, two \$600 scholarships will be awarded to AHS graduating seniors, and the seniors in NHS will be treated to dinner at the Lions Club's annual end-of-the-year celebration to be held at the Red Rose in Springfield.

Along with the prestige of including membership in NHS on their college applications, NHS members at AHS enjoy a number of "perks" recognizing their accomplishments.

With the approval of the School Committee, NHS members are allowed to leave the school campus (with their parents' permission) during lunch and study periods, receive free parking in the school's parking lot, are allowed a second set of books to keep at home (depending on availability), and can be excused from final exams in two classes if they have earned an A average.

NHS membership is open to juniors and seniors of good character who maintain an 87 cumulative average and who are active in school and community affairs. Faculty members Arthur Gage, Joann Brown, Margo Poulin, Scott Thomson, and Richard Joseph serve as a volunteer council to screen students for acceptance into NHS.

This year's NHS scholars are:

SENIORS

Dana Adams, Amy Annino, Matthew Bellico, Katie Berry (Vice-President), **Rena Chicklas, Andrew Clark, Stephen Decoteau, Nicole DeCosmo** (Secretary), **Christopher DeMastrie, Michelle Dutton, Karen Eaton, Marie Fortier, Richard Gosselin, John Hogan, Alison Jean, Michael Knodler, Tammy Leary, Tim LeDoux, Jamie Lewis, Tiffany Maleshefski.**

Eric Mastrianni, Michele Mercadante, Jesse Mueller, Debra Parslow, Rose Pignatare (President), **Katie Poulos** (Treasurer), **Nicole Racicot, Michael Rose, Lisa Savioli, Josef Scherpa, Amanda Sunny, Kerry Thompson, Todd Zern, Alena Rusava, Yvonne Hodel.**

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Artist-In-Residence Brings Out Emotions In Theatre Students

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With a seriousness of purpose and an intensity of concentration not often seen in any audience during a lecture presentation, Agawam High School theater students sat transfixed while they listened to drama coach Sheryl Stoodley.

As she spoke to them about commitment and the importance of remaining totally focused on their performance, the students seemed to reflect those theater principles back at their instructor (so completely was their attention focused on her).

Beginning in April, Ms. Stoodley has been visiting AHS twice a week to present a five-week long workshop focusing on producing student-created skits to interpret specific lines taken from the plays and sonnets of Shakespeare.

An actor who believes there is no one correct way to train actors, Ms. Stoodley said she takes an eclectic approach to teaching and chooses the bits and pieces of several acting techniques that work best for her.

Suzuki Method Helps Concentration

Interested in the Suzuki method that features highly-ritualized and stylized movements, Ms. Stoodley taught the theater students one of the 13 Suzuki walks and the Suzuki statue as part of their physical training. According to Ms. Stoodley, the slow, deliberate movements of the Suzuki method help the students to concentrate on maintaining their eye focus while performing.

"The eyes create the truth on stage. An actor has to be in the real moment to work with a partner and not just recite lines," Ms. Stoodley noted.

An accomplished actor with many years of experience in regional and academic theater throughout the Northeast, Ms. Stoodley spends much time passing on what she has learned to area teens in drama schools and in public school workshop presentations.

A professional actor and drama teacher for over 18 years, Ms. Stoodley uses acting methods and techniques to encourage her students to open themselves up to their own inner selves and to explore their life stories as preparation for becoming actors.

"You need to perform yourself first before you can be a character. You must find the mood within yourself," Ms. Stoodley said.

The workshop presented to the AHS students grew out of Ms. Stoodley's three-year project working with women in Massachusetts prisons to help them turn their pain-filled stories into poetry and theater pieces based on their personal narratives. The project earned Ms. Stoodley a master's degree in theater history and dramatic literature from Smith College. It also resulted in the publication of the two volume work, *"The World Split Open: Theater and Writing by Women in Prison"* (1992).

According to Ms. Stoodley, theater pieces like personal narratives give a voice to the students who often feel that no one is listening to them. Using life experiences to create art allows the students to constructively talk about issues that concern them and to offer a reasoned opinion, she said.

"Theater is one way to stir up discussion and to pose questions," Ms. Stoodley added.

Trust-Building Exercises

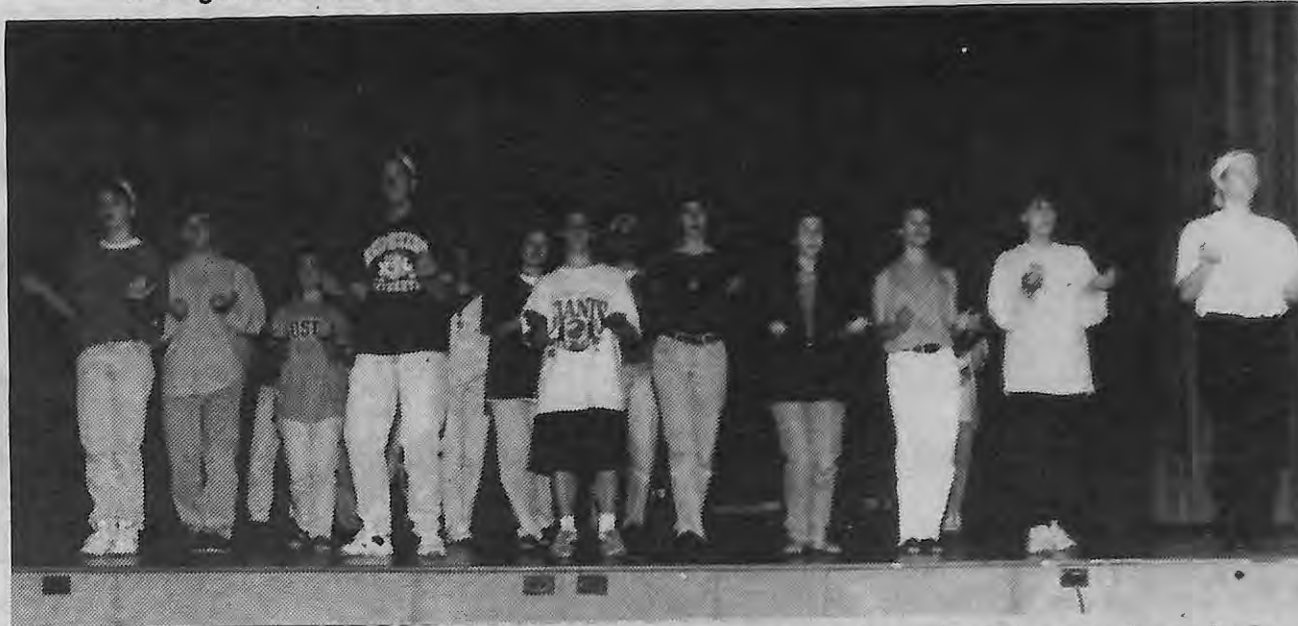
As part of their physical training, the students learned techniques for the lifts, carries, and fighting stunts required on stage. Ms. Stoodley said the students must trust each other completely in order to risk giving over their weight to another person. As one of the trust-building exercises, the students took turns being lifted by a tightly formed circle of their peers and passed overhead from one student to another.

"These kids have been great," Ms. Stoodley said. "They are willing to take risks and try new things. That's because of what Mrs. Poulin has built here."

Both drama teachers agreed that the major value for the students in studying theater is the emphasis on examining human relationships. While students have many opportunities for intellectual education and development, the theater class gives them a rare chance for emotional education and gives them a supportive place to offer their opinions.

"We deal with human emotions and that's the same for all of us," Mrs. Poulin noted.

Funded in part by a grant co-written by Mrs. Poulin, Ms. Stoodley's stint as an artist in residence at AHS was underwritten by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Agawam Arts Lottery.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE students are put through their paces by artist-in-residence Sheryl Stoodley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHERYL STOODLEY served as an artist-in-residence at Agawam High School for Margo Poulin's theatre classes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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JUNIORS

Rebecca Auld, Barbara Bitgood, Steven Bodurtha, Christina Bousquet, Suzanne Brown, Jennifer Cote, Jessica Crowley, Michael Dutton, Steven Freeman, Ryan Henderson, Amanda Limberts, Xuan Ly.

Debra McKenna, John Manning III, Denise Marchetto, Steven Martin, Beth Meagher, Joan Mineo, Shauna Nacewicz, Robert Parslow, Daniel Rapacki, Genevieve Rose, Mary-Lynn Scortino.

Ag. Schools Participate In Prevention Day To Promote Health

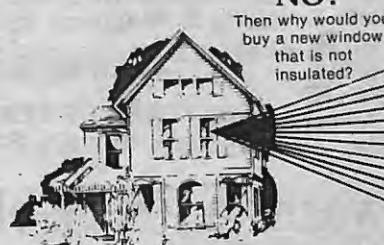
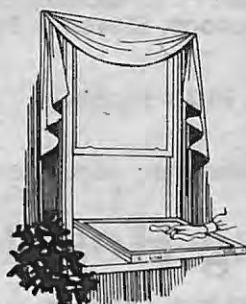
The Agawam Public Schools took part in "Prevention Day in Massachusetts" on Thursday, May 5th. Prevention Day, organized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, involves more than 180 individual events in communities across Massachusetts that will raise public awareness about the importance of preventing illness and injury as a means of assuring a healthier community.

Robinson Park, Clark, and Granger fourth grade students participated in a letter-writing project focusing on high school seniors. Each participating fourth-grader wrote a letter to a specific graduating senior.

Students were asked to focus on safety issues because graduation is a time of much joyfulness and partying. Students mentioned how much they admire the Class of 1994 members and reminded him/her to drive safely, wear a seatbelt, and not drink and drive. Students were asked to be creative in their letter-writing.

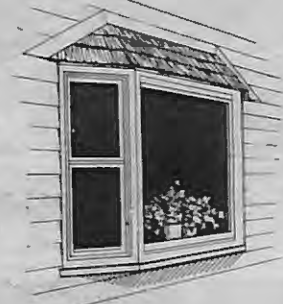
Agawam Public Schools health coordinator Connie Hutton said, "Our schools were happy to participate in this letter-writing project as part of Prevention Day activities. What we were trying to do was increase students' awareness of how we all work together to improve the health and safety of each other."

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IN TOP PHOTO are the faculty of Agawam High School; IN PHOTO BELOW, the faculty of the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Recognizing Agawam's Teachers - Week One...

AHS & Jr. High Teachers Listed

The following is a list of Agawam High School and Junior High School teachers, teacher's assistants, and administrators noting their years of service.

May is "Agawam Educators' Appreciation Month."

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

20-29 YEARS OF SERVICE

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10-19 YEARS OF SERVICE

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1-9 YEARS OF SERVICE

Judith Basile, Ann Boskiewicz, Kathleen Doody, Deborah LaMotte, David Littlewood, Donna Luciani, Meredith Quitno, Steven Ross, Pamela Skrobach, Gail Szatrowski, Jeanne Trinquet, Donna Tromblay, Donna Watson, Mary White, Barbara Connery.

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

10-19 YEARS OF SERVICE

Christine Holmes.

1-9 YEARS OF SERVICE

Margaret Laycock, Rosemarie Light, Brenda McDade, Anastasia Moysis, Mary Parent.

Agawam AFS Seeking Host Family For 1994-'95 For Girl From Barcelona, Spain

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking a host family for the 1994-95 academic year for a 17 year-old girl from Barcelona, Spain.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes. The most important things a host family can provide are open arms and a kind and understanding atmosphere. And the experience can last a lifetime.

In the 1994-95 year, Agawam AFS will be celebrating its 20th year in the community. AFS is the oldest and largest student exchange organization in the world, as well as the second largest volunteer-based organization in the world. Over 3,500 students from over 55 countries are hosted by everyday American families each year.

Agawam AFS has an 11-member community chapter that is responsible for placing students in

the community each year. But the Agawam AFS Community Chapter is also closely involved with the foreign students and their host families throughout the year. There is a large and active AFS student club at Agawam High School. All AFS students on the year program are members of the senior class at the school with the same rights and privileges as the American students.

Agawam AFS also has a member of the school's faculty acting as the official advisor to the AFS students throughout the academic year.

AFS International is responsible for liability insurance as well as full medical coverage. Agawam AFS also provides some monetary assistance to the students (mostly school-related).

Currently, Agawam AFS is hosting five foreign

students, four girls and a boy. The countries include Chile, Portugal, Czech Republic, Switzerland, and Sweden.

Also, Agawam AFS is sponsoring an Agawam High School senior who is currently spending this academic year in Mexico. This summer, Agawam AFS is helping to sponsor a student for the summer program to Ecuador and another for a full year to Denmark.

If you are interested in hosting our 17 year-old from Barcelona, Spain, or are interested in obtaining more information about being a host family, contact Al Machia at 786-0114; AHS faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at 789-1400, extension 421 (weekdays); or Ric Sardella, chapter president, at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

Teacher Appreciation At Robinson Park School



ROBINSON PARK faculty members Harriet Aspden, Sylvia Ready, and Debbie Pellegrino are about to enjoy their lunch sponsored by the school's PTO at the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBINSON PARK PTO MEMBERS, from left - Cindy Ott, Carolyn Lachappelle, Cathy Gomes, and Chris Demettrion were part of the volunteer group who served the school's faculty an appreciation lunch earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION teacher Kirk Parker, school secretary Susan Devine, Principal William Sapelli, and Resource Room teacher Patricia Murphy liked being waited on by the school's PTO members during an appreciation lunch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Renaissance At AHS Leaps Forward Again

Even with the school year winding down to a close, the Renaissance Program at Agawam High School is forging ahead at full speed.

On May 11th, the fourth term Renaissance Gold and Gold Plus cards were distributed along with prizes that included \$50 savings bonds from WestBank, dictionaries, and calculators from Big Y Express, and many area gift certificates. The Renaissance program's one woman parent group, Lynda Reid, supplied cookies donated from Nabisco for refreshments.

Renaissance has been active in supporting faculty as well as students this year. Irene Thomas has worked diligently with Big Y Express to furnish the faculty professional library with a computer, laser printer, and laminating machine.

A digital display message board was also furnished for the cafeteria to keep students up-to-date on school activities.

Many students, with the help of staff members, have been or will be recognized for their achievements. Mr. Furtado has helped support funding for recognition of students in the "Straight A Society."

The following students will receive hats with a logo designed by freshman student **Richard Skowrya** to mark their efforts: **Ann Marie Bianca, Derek Carpenter, Sharon Chicklas, Michael Freeman, Wendy Hughes, Kristine Modzelesky, Amy Powell, Rita Reshamwala, Steven Rovithis, Richard Skowrya, Gina Cincotta, and Kirsten DeCoteau.**

Also, **Susan DeFillipi, Christy Dubay, Elizabeth Gervais, John Higgins, Danielle LaBarre, Selena Machia, Rebecca Auld, Steven Freeman, John Manning, Paul McGrew, Joan Mineo, Rena Chicklas, Andrew Clark, Michelle Dutton, Marie Fortier, Michael Knodler, Linda LaBonte, Tammy Leary, Jamie Lewis, Tiffany Maleshefski, Jose Ricaurte, Michael Rose, and Alena Rusava.**

Mr. Corbin and the senior class have donated two senior picnic tickets to the two seniors recognized for outstanding attendance in their senior year. Congratulations to both **Jeffrey Kratovil and Richard Gosselin.**

Also, 15 seniors will be honored for maintaining Renaissance standards all four terms of their senior year. These students will graduate wearing red and blue honor cords: **Amy Annino, Matthew Bellico, Rena Chicklas, Andrew Clark, Michelle Dutton, Lisa Ferioli, Sharon Jacapraro, Allison Jean, Tammy Leary, Jamie Lewis, Maura Paton, Rose Pignatare, Kathryn Poulos, Nicole Racicot, and Lisa Savioli.**

Renaissance would like to thank all of the area businesses and personal patrons who support the academic excellence of the students at Agawam High School. Your continued support would be appreciated and encouraged.

In this upcoming school year, parents are urged to become involved in the Renaissance Program. Interested parents of high school students or incoming freshmen should contact Sharon Kiddy at Agawam High School.

Ag. Jr. High Students Heading For WNEC With Solar Race Cars

On Saturday, June 4th at noon, seventh and eighth grade students from Agawam, Hampden, Northfield, and Wilbraham middle schools will gather at Western New England College Slieth Hall parking lot to race model solar-powered cars.

They have constructed these cars during the past several months with the aid of their Technology Education teachers. Each car is built with a standard kit containing an electric motor and solar panel.

Using any other materials, the competitors have designed and built solar-powered vehicles (chassis, wheels, and transmissions) to carry a payload of an empty aluminum soda can along a guide wire on a 20-meter long race course.

The competition at WNEC will select representatives from the Western Central Massachusetts Region to participate in the New England race to be held June 18th at MIT in Cambridge. Two or three students from each school will be eligible to go to Cambridge based on best speed at the WNEC races and separate judging of vehicle design.

The races at WNEC will take place between noon and 1:30 p.m. with tours of the engineering labs available from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, June 5th.

The Junior Solar Sprint is an annual hands-on education program and competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and coordinated in this area by local section members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The program encourages middle school and junior high students to consider technical courses of study, energy use, environmental effects, and future transportation systems for the 21st century.

School Spellers Do It All!!!!



OFFICIATING AT THE RECENT spelling bee at the Agawam Middle School included, from left - TV-40 weatherman Paul Sutton (a town resident), School Committee member Roberta G. Doering, Judith Clini, Anthony Sibilia (teacher), and Donna M. Shibley, Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOURTH GRADE PARTICIPANTS in the recent spelling bee held at the Middle School take time out for a picture before the big event. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PHELPS SCHOOL WINNERS of that school's recent spelling bee included: GRADE FOUR, Sarah Zaporta, 1st, Lindsay Morisset, 2nd; GRADE THREE, Julie Pontz, 1st, Christopher Martin, 2nd; GRADE TWO, Meghan Ennis, 1st, and Krista Bertolozzi, 2nd. The top spellers are pictured with Catherine Gaudreau, spelling bee coordinator who is the intensive reading teacher in the schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spelling Bee Winners Named By Jr. Women

The Junior Women's Club proudly announces the winners of the 1994 Spelling Bee which was held at the Agawam Middle School on May 6th.

Fourth grade winners were **Matthew Couture** from Robinson Park Elementary School, who received first place for spelling correctly "complimentary" and "persecute" and **Courtney Nowill**, second place winner from Granger Elementary School, who also spelled "complimentary" correctly.

Fifth grade winners from Agawam Middle School were **Joe Lancour** in first place and **Janet Jack** in second place. The competing words for these two students were "catastrophe" and "pneumonia."

Sixth grade winners from Agawam Middle School were **Bradley Harris** in first place and **Jennifer Marr** in second place. These two students spelled "tedious" and "cellist" to win.

Donna Shibley acted as moderator for the evening and worked closely with Paul Sutton, Meteorologist for Channel 40, and the Pronouncer for the Spelling Bee. We would like to thank Paul for doing a great job and for taking time out from his very busy schedule to be with us on May 6th.

We would also like to thank the following people for serving as judges at the 1944 Spelling Bee: Judy Clini, Librarian at the Agawam Public Library, serving her second year as Chief Judge; Roberta Doering, a member of the School Committee; and Tony Sibilia, Junior High School English teacher.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, pictured are grade six students who participated in the recent town Spelling Bee at the Middle School; in PHOTO BELOW are the grade five participants. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Senior Awards Night Slated For Thursday Evening, June 2nd

Senior awards night will be held on Thursday evening, June 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Local scholarships and special awards will be given to members of the senior class.

Each recipient has been notified that he/she will be receiving a scholarship/award and has been notified to be present. Also, parents of recipients were notified by letter of this important event in their child's life. Included with each letter were two tickets.

Many honored guests will be in attendance. They include Mayor Christopher Johnson, Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder, Associate Superintendent Donald Charest, School Committee members, and high school department heads.

Agawam High School Principal Russell Furtado will serve as master of ceremonies, and Assistant Principals David Bates and Gabrielle Charest will present the senior awards. Scott Thomson, Music Department Chairman, and his high school orchestra will provide the appropriate music for this festive occasion.

If there is a need for more tickets, please call the high school at 789-1400, ext. 421. The distribution will be made on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Following the program, a reception will be held in the cafeteria where light refreshments will be served. It is our hope that many people will attend, since this will be the only formal recognition program for senior awards.

On Graduation Day, Sunday, June 5th, there are no award presentations.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - Congratulations! **Chris Benjamin** - Springfield College

Jay Reopel - UMass

Heather Franco - Palm Beach Community

SCHOLARSHIPS - See your counselor for more information.

Eastern States Exposition Western Mass Trustee Scholarship - This scholarship is available to any student residing in Western Mass who participated in the Eastern States Exposition youth programs and is accepted at a two- or four-year higher education institution. Deadline - July 1st, 1994.

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Rovelli To Be Feted At Party



SMITH ROVELLI

A retirement party honoring Clark School Principal Smith Rovelli is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th at Betty's Old Towne House in Agawam. Social hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with dinner following at 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes smorgasbord and dessert buffet, gift, as well as tax and gratuity. For tickets, please call 562-8813. The deadline for tickets is Tuesday, May 31st.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 30th: No school (Memorial Day).

Tuesday, May 31st: French bread pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, June 1st: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, diced carrots, parsley rice, wheat bread & butter, peach crisp, milk.

Thursday, June 2nd: Rotini with meatsauce, creamy cole slaw salad, Italian bread & butter, chilled fruit cup or jello with topping, milk.

Friday, June 3rd: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with dressing, pear macaroon, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

WNEC Holds '94 Honors Convocation; Locals Reaps Awards

The following local students were award recipients at the recent 1994 Honors Convocation of Western New England:

Jeffrey A. Hastings of Feeding Hills received the Bioengineering Award. He is majoring in engineering, and is the son of Arthur and Barbara Hastings of Feeding Hills.

Carl M. Vivenzio of Feeding Hills was inducted into the business honors fraternity Delta Mu Delta. He is majoring in marketing, and is the son of Valentino and Barbara Vivenzio.

Kimberly J. Galarneau of Agawam was inducted into the business honors fraternity Delta Mu Delta. She is majoring in marketing, and is the daughter of Joseph and Sandra Galarneau of Agawam.

Frank S. Maniscalco of Agawam received the Outstanding Full-time Student in Technical Management Award. He is majoring in technical management, and is the son of Ignatius and Rosemarie Maniscalco of Agawam.

Michelle A. Larrivee of Agawam received the Jeanne M. Milkay English Award. She is majoring in English, and is the daughter of David Larrivee and Christine Neale of Agawam.

Christian M. Quatrone was inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. He is majoring in government, and is the son of Ronald and Nancy-Lee Quatrone of Feeding Hills.

Scott R. Chapman of Agawam received the American Jurisprudence Award for Singular Academic Achievement in Remedies.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield. The College serves more than 6,000 full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

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Kids' Traffic Safety



POLICE OFFICER ROBERT MARSH, traffic officer for the Agawam Police Department, recently spoke to students in the Early Childhood Program at Perry Lane Park about wearing their seat belts and to look both ways before crossing the street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Carl Vivenzio Selected As Teaching Assistant At WNEC

Carl Vivenzio of Feeding Hills has been selected to serve as a student teaching assistant for the College Success Skills course taught at Western New England College.

He is the son of Valentino and Barbara Vivenzio.

Vivenzio is a senior, and is majoring in marketing.

The College Success Skills course is a program designed to assist entering students in the development of skills such as note-taking, time management, maintaining a personal identity, understanding relationships, setting goals, and making decisions.

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PRACTICING ON THEIR VIOLINS at the Middle School with teacher Meredith Quitno (back) are students Stephanie Jenkins, Danielle Cardin, Sarah Hill, Courtney Megatalski, and Nicolas Duquette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PRACTICING FOR THE May 22nd music recital for the town's schools are Middle School students Jennifer Gates, Jaime Brodeur, Joella Raiche, and Tim Drenzek. Front row - Nicole Megatalski, Brad Tilden, and Theresa Brown. Giving the students some pointers is pianist Joy Bixby (back row, left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual String Music Recital Again Showcases Large Pool Of Talent In Agawam Schools

On Wednesday, May 18th, the entire string music department of the Agawam Public Schools held their dress rehearsal under the direction of their teacher, Meredith Quitno.

These students represent grade levels from fifth through 12th, and come from the Agawam Middle, Junior, and High Schools. They study music for the violin, viola, cello, and string bass.

The Agawam String Music Annual Recital was held on Sunday, May 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Wisterlahurst Mansion Museum, Holyoke. This site was chosen in order to give the students an opportunity to perform in a lavish recital hall that is very much in keeping with the legacy of chamber music as it has been enjoyed for hundreds of years.

Since this musical recital included such a wide span of age groups and technical development, the program ran the gamut of repertoire from the

more elementary musical pieces all the way beyond to selections by Vivaldi and J.S. Bach.

Some students were spotlighted for their extra preparation when they performed solos or duets. Joella R. Raiche, Stephanie Jenkins, Courtney and Nicole Megatalski, Jaime Brodeur, Genevieve Rose, and Brad Tilden contributed their special musical pieces. When awards were announced for outstanding students, Megan Conkey was another name highlighted for recognition.

The recital accompanist was Mrs. Joy Bixby. A reception of punch and desserts was hosted after the concert by two of the students' mothers, Mrs. Karen Conkey and Mrs. Beth Megatalski.

All in all, the afternoon offered these young people a chance for recognition, pride, achievement, stage presence ... and, of course, CELEBRATION after a lot of hard work.

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Sports

Council Honors AHS Girls' Hoop Champs



THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL issued a proclamation to honor the 1993-94 Western Mass. Division I champions and state runners-up, the Agawam High girls' varsity hoop team. Back row, from left - Jamie Thomas, Alison Jean, Steph Biza, team members; Town Councilor Nancy Thompson Gravel, Town Council President James D. Taylor; Louis Conte, girls' coach; Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas; and Dina DeMarco, team member. Front row - team members Sue DeFilipi, Courtnie Hyland, Kristen Schmaelzle, Shauna Nacewicz, and Katie LaBreck. (Missing: Cyndi Stone.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Tennis Team's Class Of '94 Members



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 11-3 (presstime) Agawam High girls' tennis team with their coach, Mary Wolochowicz. Back row - Lisa Savioli, Nikki Sawyer, Alison Jean, Coach Wolochowicz, Brenda Borkowsky, and Celeste Arraztoa. Front row - Joana Monteiro-Grillo and Yvonne Hodel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Lacrosse Club To Close Season

The Agawam High School girls' lacrosse club will finish an exciting spring slate on Friday, May 27th, at 4:00 p.m., at the AHS field.

One of the fastest growing sports in Western Mass. has seen the AHS girls' club continue to progress up the ladder of success with improving skills and confidence under the direction of Coach Cindy Grieve.

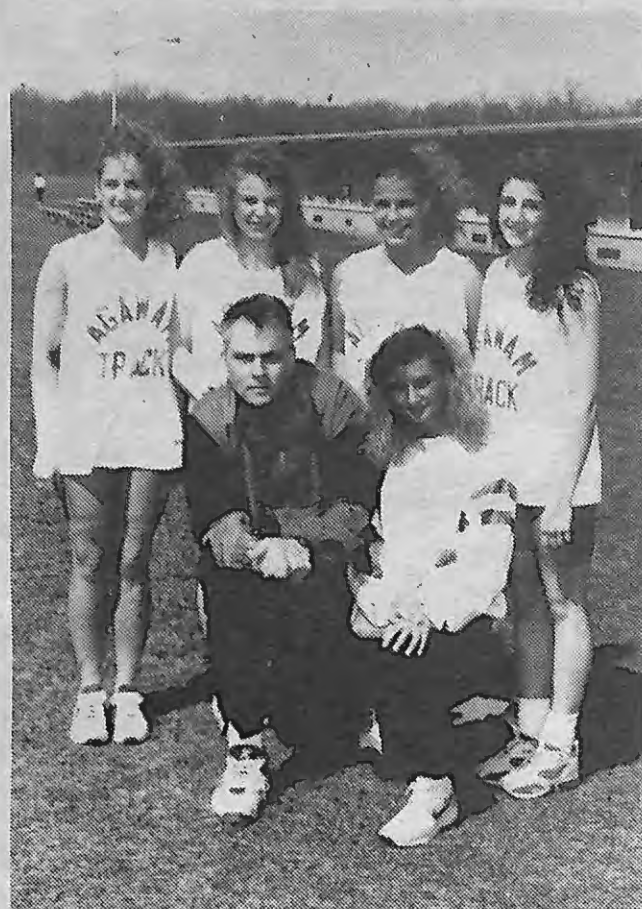
At presstime the club owns an 8-2 record and has 99 goals for compared to 52 goals against. There are 32 members on the club.

Western Mass Touch Football League Seeking New Teams

For registration or information on the 1994 Western Mass Touch Football League, please call commissioner Earl "Bumper" Donahue. He can be reached at 786-3910.

The League is looking for new teams as well as old. Leave your name, phone number, time to be reached, and name of the team you represent.

AHS Track Captains



COACH DEAN VECCHIARELLI, Assistant Coach Kerri Carity, and his 1994 girls' varsity track captains. Back row - Erin Pettazzoni, Beth Fleury, Dyan DeLuce, and Rose Pignatare. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS JV Girls Captains



LAURA RAPA (left) and KRIS TIERNEY (right) served as co-captains as the 1994 captains of the Agawam High girls' JV softball team. Also pictured is Coach Linda Kunasek. (TEAM PICTURE in this section). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Basketball Camp Will Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Mike Thompson's Championship Basketball Camp for Girls will provide transportation for Agawam residents.

The site for pick-up and drop-off will be the Agawam High School parking lot. The cost of transportation for the week will be \$5.

If you have any questions, call Mike at 596-2126.

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Ag. Rec. Dept. Summer Schedule

The Agawam Recreation Department announces that registration for the following programs will begin on Monday, June 6th, 1994.

There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that we are experiencing severe weather. Notification will be placed on radio stations WMAS (1450 AM or 94.7 FM) and WPKX (97.9 FM). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS:

Adult swim lessons will be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at Perry Lane Park pool, beginning on Monday, July 11th, through Wednesday, August 10th, 1994.

The cost will be \$25 for the 10 lessons.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS:

Youth swim lessons will be held twice a week at Perry Lane Park on Tuesday and Saturday mornings beginning Tuesday, July 5th, through Saturday, August 6th, 1994. Cost will be \$15 for the 10 lessons. Class will be 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., or 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

The swim lessons will be offered to those children who are four years and older and who are not attending camp at Perry Lane.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL - OPEN PLAY (NO CHARGE):

This is a recreational volleyball program geared for fun and exercise. The sand volleyball court is located behind the new Early Childhood Center next to the tennis courts.

Women's Open Play: Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 13th for the summer months.

Men's Open Play: Tuesday evenings, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 14th for the summer months.

Co-Ed Open Play: Wednesday evenings, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 15th for the summer months.

TENNIS ANYONE?

TENNIS LESSONS AVAILABLE:

Tennis lessons for children eight to 12 years; juniors 12 to 16 years; young adults 17 to 21; and adults and senior citizens will be offered this summer at Perry Lane Park.

Instructor will be Rudy Altobelli. Rudy is presently ranked fourth in singles and second in doubles in the senior division by the U.S.T.A.

Adults/Juniors 12 and up: Beginning Monday, June 13, or Wednesday, June 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Each session will be for five weeks at \$15, with a maximum of 12 participants per session.

Adults/seniors: Beginning Tuesday, June 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for five weeks for \$15, with a limit of 12 students.

Children eight to 12 years of age: Beginning Tuesday, June 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for five weeks for \$15 per session, with a limit of 12.

Young adults: This is a special skills program offered for five weeks beginning Thursday, June 16th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 and is limited to 12 players.

AGAWAM ADULT TENNIS CLUB:

The Adult Tennis Club held its first meeting on Saturday, May 21st, at the Perry Lane Park Courts at 1:00 p.m. This is an informal club designed to help promote tennis in Agawam.

It will meet every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Park. Come out, meet new friends, have fun, and get a little exercise.

PERRY LANE PARK/POOL FEES (1994):

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year round (no fee). The fees and charges are for pool and pavilion use.

All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pit, volleyball court, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the Recreation Office (786-0400, ext. 456).

PERRY LANE PARK POOL:

The pool will be open on Father's Day weekend beginning June 18th (weather permitting), and will be open daily through Labor Day, September 5th.

Pool hours will be 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events or exceptionally hot weather.

No disposable diapers will be allowed in the pool. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Pool Pass

Senior Citizens	\$20 per person
Adults	\$25 per person
Children (under 16)	\$15 per child
Family (3 or more children)	\$65 per family
Family (1 or 2 children)	\$50 per family

Daily Pool Charge

Adults/children	\$1 per person
Children (under 6)	Free

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AHS Boys' Tennis Team's Class Of 1994



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1994 Agawam High boys' tennis team are preparing for next week's Western Mass. Team Tournament. Pictured, from left - Michael Rose, Jose Ricaurte, John Hogan, Matt Bellico, Rob Settembro, Rich Gosselin, Martin Asp, Tim LeDoux, and Coach Ken Dean. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEAM CAPTAINS of the 1994 Agawam High boys' tennis team are pictured with Coach Ken Dean. From left - John Hogan, Matt Bellico, and Rob Settembro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ag. Little League Standings As Of 5/21

MAJOR LEAGUE	W	L
Agawam Police DARE Orioles	7	1
Mushy's Recreation Yankees	5	3
Rollaway Mets	5	3
H.P. Hood's Giants	5	3
Bridgeport Nat'l. Royals	5	3
Schlaffer Chiro. Indians	4	4
Valenti's Rest. Red Sox	3	5
Hastie Fence Athletics	3	5
Soda & Pet Food City Dodgers	2	6
Laureno Lumber Braves	1	7

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L
V.F.W. No. 1632 Red Sox	6	0
Bolduc Screen Print. Yankees	4	2
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	4	1
Mercolino's Bakery Giants	3	2
Agawam Lions Club Dodgers	3	2
Polish-Amer. Club Royals	2	4
Green Thumb Land. Braves	1	4
Italian Sport. Club Indians	1	4
Commercial Disposal Orioles	0	5

Agawam High JV Girls' Softball Team



MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High junior varsity girls' softball team. Back row, from left - Meagen Moriarty, Lisa Gallerani, Theresa Brown, Captain Laura Rapa, Captain Kris Tierney, Melissa Fleming, Andrea Nolan, and Coach Lynda Kunasek. Front row - Steph Eig, Kris Mazeika, Nicole Boyer, Tara Grealis, Danielle Petrangelo, and Adrienne O'Quinn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Babe Ruth 13-15 Standings

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LARRY MIZE
The 1987 Masters

MOVE THE BALL FORWARD FOR HIGHER, SOFTER SHOTS

People always talk about what an advantage power is at Augusta National, and that's certainly true. Just look at the players who have been the most successful at the Masters: Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, and Seve Ballesteros. Those are all players with tremendous strength.

But as important as power is at Augusta, it also helps if you can hit high, soft approaches to the greens, because it's vital that you land the ball in certain spots to leave yourself makable putts or—and this is almost as important—avoid three-putts or worse.

On the practice tee I was experimenting with different things I could do to get the ball up a little higher. I found that if I moved the ball slightly forward in my stance, my iron shots got up in the air a little quicker and, more importantly, I could make a slightly more aggressive swing with my driver without worrying that I'd hook the ball.

I didn't try to kill the ball, just gradually accelerate the clubhead through the hitting area. As a result, I was driving the ball about 265-270 yards, which is 10 or 15 yards longer than usual.

That meant I could hit at least one club less into the greens, which is a tremendous advantage because the greens were even firmer than usual that year. It also allowed me to go to the par 5's in two, which is the key to scoring well at Augusta.

In the final round, I hit a good drive on 18 that left me with just a 9-iron into the green. I made the birdie, which gave me a lot of confidence going in to the playoff with Seve and Greg Norman. Seve went out with a bogey on 10, and then on 11, I chipped in from the right side for a birdie.

Funny Golf Stories Can Reap Privileges To Area Golfers

Do you have a funny golf experience you'd like to share? Now is your chance to tell the story. The American Lung Association of Massachusetts is sponsoring a "TELL US YOUR FUNNIEST GOLF STORY CONTEST" this spring, to introduce the 1994 Golf Privilege Card, which provides fee and discounted greens fees at golf courses across Massachusetts.

Describe a funny moment on the greens and where it happened, and you could win a grand prize of FOUR DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. Runners-up will receive prizes ranging from gift certificates to golf accessory packages.

The top 20 stories, judged by local golf writers and experts, will receive the American Lung Association's 1994 Golf Privilege Card. Results will be published in American Lung Association Golf Summer newsletter.

Stories are limited to one page and must be received by June 15th. Mail entries to Funny Golf Story Contest, American Lung Association of Massachusetts, 1505 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA 02135-3605. Include address and telephone number.

For information on the contest or the Golf Privilege Card, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA.

The American Lung Association has been fighting lung disease for 90 years. With the generous support of the public and the help of volunteers, many advances have been seen against lung disease. However, the Lung Association's work is not finished.

As it looks forward to its second century, the Lung Association will continue to strive to make breathing easier for everyone. Along with the medical section, the American Thoracic Society, programs of education, community service, advocacy, and research are provided.

The Lung Association's activities are supported by donations to Christmas Seals and other voluntary contributions.

AHS Frosh Girls' Softball Team



TEAM MEMBERS of the 1994 Agawam High School frosh girls' softball team included, back row, from left - Captain Jeanne O'Neil, Melanie DeMastrie, Wendy Clouse, Captain Megan Berry, Captain Danielle Curley, Tara Bowler, Trisham McDonnell, Danielle Sexton, and Coach Al O'Quinn. Front row - Maria Rosati, Megan Ward, Jen Chagnan, Captain Danielle DiStefano, Lisa Freeman, Jessica Perry, and Stacy Rennell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH frosh softball Coach Al O'Quinn with his four 1994 team captains - Jeanne O'Neil, Megan Berry, Danielle Curley, and Danielle DiStefano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Freshman Boys' Baseball Team



COACHES and PLAYERS of the 1994 Agawam High fresh baseball team are winding down their season and looking for bigger and better things next season as the player move up the ranks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
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Good Turkey Hunting

Preliminary totals for the first of two spring turkey segments show a total harvest of 713 bearded turkeys, according to Dan McGuiness of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. This total is 30 birds shy of last year's final total for the same hunting season.

Birds were plentiful and check stations reported that most of the birds had good body weights. Hunters, however, report that many gobblers were not responding vocally to their calls and that many of the toms were with hens, making it difficult to call the birds in.

Although the winter of 1993-1994 was a severe one, acorns had been abundant during the preceding fall and turkeys entered the winter in excellent condition. The current kill tallies seem to indicate that Massachusetts turkeys weathered the winter without undue losses.

Total preliminary kills by district are as follows: Western District—311; Valley District—261; Central District—141. By county, the totals are: Berkshire—252; Franklin—121; Hampden—94; Hampshire—105; and Worcester—141.



CONCENTRATION & EXPECTATION: Why not take a little kid fishing sometime?

Agawam town employee **Brian Blackak** nailed a nice 19 pound, 14 ounce tom at 40 yards in Sandisfield during the first season. Brian is a good turkey hunter and works hard for his bird before the season and during the season.

Brian is also a very dedicated bow-hunter and doesn't go without a deer too often. I've know him since he was a toddler, and he has always been very serious about any endeavor he became interested in.

Lead fishing sinkers may soon be outlawed by the EPA, not on proof that the lead is causing a toxic substance that is harming ducks and other water birds. They assume that the birds are at risk. This same assumption method is being used to place animals, bugs, and insects on the endangered species list without a scientific fact showing that they are endangered.

Another ploy (sounds like a minor action), but a part of a long plan by the radical activists that want to outlaw fishing. Slowly they are gaining ground. It seems that they care not for the country and its well being.

America's 50 million anglers are responsible for more than \$69 billion in economic output, the equivalent of nearly one million jobs, according to a new study by the Sport Fishing Institute. Data used in the new SRI economic analysis came from the latest available statistics (1991), the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Association Recreation, released in 1993 by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

According to the study, sport fishing activity generated more than \$19 billion in personal income, wages, and salaries, which represents the equivalent of more than 1.3 full-time and part-time jobs. Angler expenditures also generate sizable tax revenues for state and federal governments, including more than one million in state sales taxes, \$277 million in state income taxes and over \$2.1 billion in federal income taxes.

This study proves that sportsmen are much

Agawam Spirit Shoppe - AAA 10-12 Champs



TEAM MEMBERS OF Agawam Spirit Shoppe, champions of the 10-12 boys' basketball league. Back row - Head Coach Peter Vecchiarelli, Danny Nasciembini, John Eddy, Michael Nasciembini, Marc Pedraza, Matt Albano, and Assistant Coach Michael Curto. Front row - Justin Gorman, David Dupre, Brandon Blackak, Ian Hogan, and Brian Machos.

Bay West Bulldogs - Squirt III Champions



MEMBERS OF THE BAY WEST BULLDOGS, league and playoff champs of the 1993-'94 Squirt III Hockey League. Back row - Coach John Tisdell, Nick Paier, Mike Cziel, C.J. Santaniello, Dave Meagher, Chris Marshall, William Kunasek, and Coach Howie Pevlin. Front row - Ames Slate, Jason Callahan, Jared Taillefer, Craig Dougherty, Eric Barkyoub, John Tisdell, and Andy Pevlin. (Missing from photo: Coach Chris Wyler.)

more than folks who enjoy being outdoors; they are an economic engine. Hunting is responsible for over \$35 billion in economic activity and more than 400,000 jobs.

Therefore, America's sportsmen create more than 1.7 million jobs and in excess of \$100 billion in economic activity. In anybody's book, that's a big catch.

Yet, Mollie Beatle, Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is attempting to eliminate hunting and fishing on U.S. Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, and other U.S.-owned land.

This curtailment would include the newly formed "Conti Wildlife Refuge," which includes the complete Connecticut River, from source to entrance in the ocean.

I've been told by a few readers they don't care

to read about facts and figures in the column (it's too dry for their taste). I have a reason for including the truth that is affecting our sport in the future.

The sportsmen (hunters and fishermen) have in the past been too careless in noting what is going on around them. The radical activists are slowly gaining ground by suit after suit in the Federal courts. They (sportsmen) better take the bull by the horns and fight back before it is too late.

Your grandchildren and their children will end up playing checkers, watching crime stories on the idiot box, or worse yet, breaking rocks in jail. The radicals will find another healthy sport to ruin for people that just want to enjoy their sports and bother no one in their pursuit of them.

Another New Winner In Riverside Modifieds

On Saturday, May 21st, Riverside Park Speedway marked its ninth week of auto racing for the 1994 season; and, to everyone's surprise, that evening produced the season's eighth different NASCAR Modified four-type winner.

In the John Haymond Law Office special event, **Bobby Gee**—the former \$10,000 man—put the Oral B-CVS Drug Store Modified into the lead on lap 27 to take the victory (worth \$1,200) before a crowd of 5,101 fans.

Front-row setter Rich Savary originally led through six cautions with his C7 W Horse Cavalier; he was impressive throughout the event. On lap 13, while Dunk Rudolph was trying to maintain his lap with the leaders, Rudolph came in contact with Ed Spiers and hit the wall hard off turn four, thereby ending the night for himself as well as Dave Berube and Jim Houghton.

Just three laps later, John Zavisza would bring out the second caution. As this happened, Chris Kopec had come from 12th to the top five. Dan Avery was right with Kopec and cut a tire to spin, bringing out the caution.

Others involved that dropped out included Doug Meservey, Tom Crevenho, and Bruce Dell. Liquid on the track brought out the next caution, and this created the setting for Bobby Gee to take the lead.

Rich Savary tried everything to get it back, but he just couldn't pull it off. On lap number 35, Chris Kopec had a tire go flat and pitted to head back to the front.

The track was real slick as Bobby Gee held off Rich Savary. At the checker, it was Bobby over Savary (Bill's Auto). Dan Avery (Porter-Chester) made a great run for third, and Stan Greger (Manafort Const.) and Chris Kopec (Mutual Ford) rounded out the top five, respectively.

Sixth through 10th were Tom Jensen, Jim Dolan, Fran Principi, Dave Gallo, and Steve Park.

"It was a last-minute thing to put this deal together. Bear Motorsports has done a great job," said the popular Bobby Gee, who added, "We have this car dialed in ... just watch!"

Sumner Chapman led the opening laps of the Pro Stock race, as **Eddy Carroll** came from the back to take the lead. While this was going on, on lap number 18, John Lobo and Tom Carey were holding off Dave Caruso. Right behind him was Tom Fearn, who was (in turn) hunted down by Dave Berube and Bill Lauridsen.

When all was said and done, however, Eddy Carroll (who, by the way, had graduated from law school that same day) dominated the action to the checker by four car lengths and earned his first

win of the 1994 season for Cliff's Auto Body and Snap On Tools. Second was John Lobo (Wagner Rug), third was Tom Carey (Joe Bean Auto Body), fourth was Dave Caruso (Comfort Shoes), and fifth was Tom Fearn (Somerville Auto Sales).

Rounding out the top 10 were Dave Berube, Bill Lauridsen, Sumner Chapman, Ed Carroll, and Ray Turcotte.

Rookie driver **Rick Hartenstein** took the lead from Matt Bushior in the Late Model feature; these two rookies really put on a great show. Then, in the closing laps of the event, it was Chuck Docherty who moved right in.

At the checker, it was another photo-style finish as Hartenstein took the win by inches over Docherty. Third was Gee Perry, who came in ahead of Gary Fiormonti and Bushior.

Sixth through 10th in this division were Chris Wenzal, Steve Fifield, Brian Merchant, Wayne

Coury, and Marty Leary.

In Strictly Stock action, **Ed Charette** was back up front and never gave anyone else a chance to take over the number-one spot. Second place went to Larry Bouchard, and third through fifth were Roger Fujimoto, Scott Neleber, and Chris Lashaway (who, incidentally, was an early leader in this race).

Rounding out the top 10 were Roy Houle, Joe Kokoska, Pete Pelc, Herb Carlon, and Ken Marques.

This Saturday, May 28th, Riverside Park Speedway will be holding the five-division Sunoco Race Fuels "Memorial Weekend Special," starting at 6:00 p.m. Then, on Sunday, May 29th, the quarter-mile facility will host a Marathon Enduro!

For more information about this weekend's racing events, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

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Riverside Park Speedway's Standings (As Of May 21st)

MODIFIEDS

Dan Avery	148
Reggie Ruggiero	134
Chris Kopec	132
Stan Greger	132
Bobby Gegetsas	98
Steve Park	92
Brian Schofield	90
Tom Jensen	88
Eddy Spiers	86
Doug Meservey	86
Brian Miller	86
Tom Cravenho	80
Richard Savary	76
Marty Radewick	50
Bruce D'Alessandro	48

PRO STOCKS

John Lobo	126
Dave Caruso	122
Tom Fearn	102
Bill Lauridsen	100
Tom Carey	78
Lou Prior	72
Eddy Carroll	70
Dave Berube	68
Ed Carroll	56
Sumner Chapman	48
Barry Gray	46
Jeff Horn	44
Ted Hebert	42
Scott Bouley	36
Dave Salzarulo	34

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LATE MODELS

Gee Perry	148
Chuck Docherty	132
Marty Leary	118
Gary Fioramanti	116
Ted Chalmers	104
Fred LaForge	84
Glenn Griswold	68
Rick Hartenstein	62
Gene McClain	60
Rocco Mazziotto	58
Joe Czarnecki	50
Wayne Coury	44
Chris Wenzel	42
Tom Keller	40
Mike Bushior	38

STRICTLY STOCKS

Chuck Allesio	160
Rob Valerio	154
Roger Fujimoto	120
Herb Carlon	118
Scott Neleber	112
Todd Owen	94
Joe Arena	92
Ken Marquis	88
Al Leone	78
Mike Salmond	76
Roy Houle	66
Larry Bouchard	62
Vinny Buonocore	60
Jay Miller	56
Bill Reiman	52

PRO 4 MODIFIEDS

Joe Lemay	26
J.R. Gorman	24
Glenn Solomito	22
Renee Dupuis	20
Bill Sharpe	18
Chris Osella	16
Doc Marciniac	14
Ken Korhonen	12
Tom Topping	10
Jerry Solomito	8
Mike Petrizzo	6
Bill Gaston	4
Bob Capestro	2
Dick Dubois	2
Jim Childs	2

NAPA Championship Series
(After 1 Event)

MODIFIEDS

Dan Avery	26
Reggie Ruggiero	24
Chris Kopec	22
Brian Schofield	20
Brian Miller	18
Eddy Spiers	16
Steve Park	14
Dunk Rudolph	12
Carl Eriksson	10
Jim Dolan	8

PRO STOCKS

Dave Caruso	26
Tom Carey	24
John Lobo	22
Dave Salzarulo	20
Tom Fearn	18
Jeff Horn	16
Bill Lauridsen	14
Dave Berube	12
Ed Carroll	10
Lou Prior	8

LATE MODELS

Gee Perry	26
Gary Fioramanti	24
Ted Chalmers	22
Tom Keller	20
Martin Leary	18
Rocco Mazziotto	16
Fred LaForge	14
Wayne Coury	12
Gene McClain	10
Joe Czarnecki	8

STRICTLY STOCKS

Ken Marques	26
Roy Houle	24
Chuck Allesio	22
Roger Fujimoto	20
Rob Valerio	18
Joe Arena	16
Paul Southworth	14
Joe Kokoszka	12
Bill Reiman	10
Skip Breunig	8

Men's Softball League
Standings As Of 5/23

NATIONAL	W	L
Copper Door	7	1
Spalding/Dudley	5	1
Cortina Tile	5	2
Plainfield/Scrubbers	4	2
Cabin	4	2
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	3	4
Sam's Sports Bar	3	4
EB's	2	4
Dante Club	2	5
Bobby's Iron Ducks	2	5
Joey's Pizzeria/Pub	1	4
Bobby's Lounge 1	1	5

AMERICAN/NORTH	W	L
Italian Sporting Club	8	0
Agawam Moose Club	6	2
Elbow Lounge	6	4
Village Lounge	4	2
Scoreboard Lounge	4	4
Winn Liquors	4	4
Balzer's Tool Coating	3	5
Abbott Tax Consultants	2	6
Balise/Honda	2	6
Powers Cafe	2	8

AMERICAN-SOUTH	W	L
Bertelli's Liquors	7	0
Bobby's Lounge	7	1
Pink Cadillac Prod.	6	1
Buccaneer Lounge 2	5	1
Bio Care	5	2
Lessard Property Mgt.	4	3
Southworth Paper Co.	4	3
Buccaneer Lounge 1	3	4
Michael Anthony's	3	6
Coast To Coast	3	5
P.T.S.	2	4
Desi's Place	2	4
Heritage Hall	2	6
Teddy Bear Pools	2	6
Paul's Lounge	2	6
Agawam Tire/Auto	1	6

Women's Softball
Standings As Of 5/23

"A" DIVISION	W	L
Desi's Place	6	1
Our Hideaway	6	1
T.J.'s Sporthouse	3	4
Southworth Paper Co.	2	5
Buccaneer Lounge	1	7
"B" DIVISION	W	L
Club 57	6	2
Jessica's Lounge	6	1
Buccaneer Lounge	5	2
Desi's Place	5	3
N.E. School Supply	4	4
Bear's	3	4
Bobby's Lounge	1	7
Ames Plumbing Supply	0	7

"Pedal For Health"
At Stanley Park

The fourth annual "Pedal for Health" bike ride will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Stanley Park in Westfield. The event will benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts. It is co-sponsored by Health New England and KIX Country, 97.9.

Bruce Ruder, vice president of marketing for Health New England, said the event is not a race but a ride through the countryside. Riders can choose between 10-, 30-, or 60-mile routes, which will have rest stops.

Riders are encouraged to collect pledges for each mile they complete. Prizes will be awarded for various pledge levels, including a tandem bicycle, two styles of mountain bikes, wireless heart rate cycle computers, rooftop bike racks, and more.

Riders will receive commemorative T-shirts, and there will be a free picnic at Stanley Park for all participants at the conclusion of the ride. The registration fee is \$15 if paid before June 1st and \$20 on the day of the event, with a limit of \$50 per family.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling Health New England at 787-4000, the Children's Miracle Network, 784-4111, or the Lung Association at 737-3506.

June Is For The Fans
At Riverside Speedway

Race drivers might not agree on what is going on at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Massachusetts. Still, all the drivers at the quarter-mile facility do agree on one very important thing—June is "Fan Appreciation Month" at Riverside!

For the race fans, it's a month-long chance to actually meet and greet the drivers and the race teams firsthand, as well as win cash prizes. The fact is, "Fan Appreciation Month" will offer over \$5,000 in free bonus giveaways and hundreds of dollars in cash. Kids from three years of age to adults over 75 are welcome, and several different age groups allow everyone to compete at the same level.

Drivers like Reggie Ruggiero, Tom Jensen, Dan Avery, Chris Kopec, Stan Greger, Tom Crevenho, and Bobby Gee are all family men, and they are the first to admit that they enjoy this month-long event more than the kids themselves. Modified drivers are all excited over this year's coloring contest because it features a Modified drawing to color. The grand prize winner will receive \$100 in each class and a giant trophy. Besides this, each will receive a special gift on the night of the drawing winner announcement.

Riverside's biggest fan program is the popular "Kids' Big Wheel" and electric car races. Comprising several different age groups and classes, the "Big Wheel" kids actually race on the race track in fixed age groups for cash, \$100 bonds, giant trophies, and every kid that races will receive a stuffed animal, a prize ribbon, and more. The same type of prizes are offered for the electric car races. All children must have their own cars or Big Wheels, and the race will be held on Saturday, June 18th. There is no special entry—the only requirement is that everyone (kids and adults alike) must have a race ticket.

Another contest during "Fan Appreciation Month" will be the "Banner Contest." To enter, just make a race banner that features a theme related to Riverside Speedway and display it on June 4th, 11th, and 18th; then, on June 25th, the banners will be judged by the fans trackside. The winner of this contest will receive a cash prize of \$100 and a trophy.

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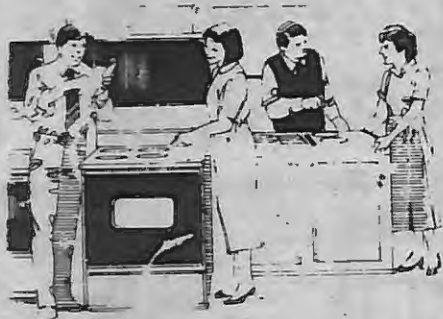
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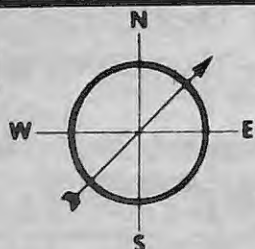
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